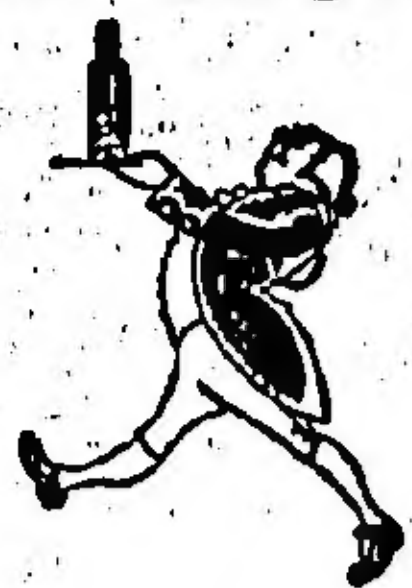


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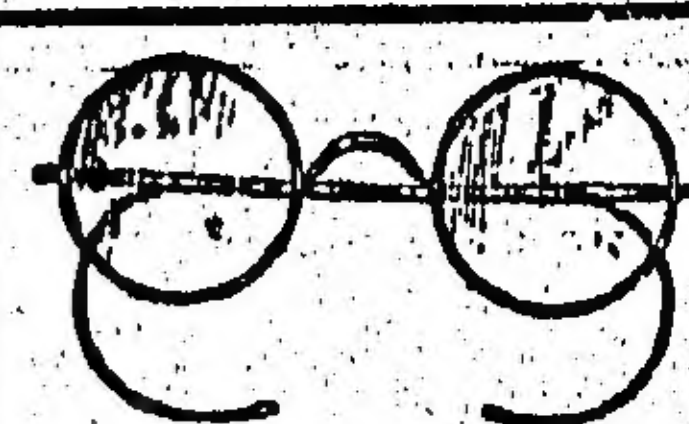
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HAS THE PROBLEM OF AIR MENACE IN WAR BEEN SOLVED?

A very interesting article in the *Daily Express* states that highly important conclusions on anti-aircraft gunnery and the defence of London and the naval ports have already been reached by the experts as an outcome of Atlantic Fleet exercises.

It is the opinion of the Navy that aircraft attack on ships at sea has been defeated.

The work of the Gunnery School at Whale Island, Portsmouth, has been so effective in anti-aircraft gunnery that, it is claimed, no high-flying aircraft can effectively attack a British warship at sea.

The success of the gunnery experts against aircraft has been due to the mounting of the eight-inch gun which has been fitted in the latest battle-cruisers and cruisers of the county class.

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There is no doubt that the eight-inch guns of the British Navy when a battle fleet is at sea can effectively stop any number of high-flying aircraft.

The eight-inch guns, under director control, will fire a curtain of shrapnel shells through which it will be impossible for any aircraft to penetrate.

Low-Flying Planes.

There remains for the Navy the question of low-flying aircrafts with torpedoes which would be directed against battleships and cruisers. The work of the anti-aircraft gunnery school has been such that in the opinion of gunnery officers there is very little chance of a low flying airplane penetrating the "sharp" barrage.

If any attacking airplane flies low the blast of the eight-inch gun alone is enough to upset it into the water, no matter what its speed.

Three-pounder guns, two-pounder pom-poms, and the new eight-barrelled machine gun, which fire a time shell, have made it possible to put an impenetrable wall of bursting shells round any ship.

The two combined—the new eight-inch gun high-elevation fire of the smaller gun barrage against low-flying aircraft—make it physically impossible for effective aircraft attack to be made on the British fleet at sea.

It has been calculated that for any airplane to get through the barrage of the eight-inch gun shrapnel and the small gunfire would mean the loss of no fewer than 130 machines. One machine to drop an effective bomb against 130 lost—such a proportion makes air attack impossible.

The War Office is making similar progress in anti-aircraft defence on

land. The gun and searchlight barrage, coupled with the airplane patrol and the listening posts, has reached such a point of efficiency that for every 300 machines that might possibly attack London in the next war 273 would be lost. The loss would be due to gunfire or attack from defending patrols.

The whole point of the recent work of the Admiralty and of the War Office shows that the real danger of aircraft attack on London, the chief provincial towns, or the Fleet, is negligible. The only proviso is this—that there must be a sufficiency of the right type of guns, searchlights and airplanes to make the defence effective.

Immense Progress.

The technical research in anti-aircraft gunnery at Whale Island for the Navy, and at Shoeburyness for the Army, has reached an extraordinary condition of efficiency.

"The Navy have made immense strides in anti-aircraft defence," said a senior Army officer to a *Daily Express* representative. "The Navy, however, have not progressed so far as we have, for they are dealing all the time with the problem of shooting from a moving platform. Our problem is simpler. We shoot from a fixed platform on the ground."

If the full story of anti-aircraft development since the war were told to the British people, it would be surprising. For many obvious reasons it cannot be told.

Diary of Coming Events.

To-day.

(February 10.)

Queen's "Temple Tower."

World Theatre: "A Robbers' Idyll" (Chinese picture).

Star Theatre: "Popular Sin."

Majestic Theatre: "Innocents of Paris."

Prize Distribution Fairies School 3 p.m. (St. Stephen's Girls' College).

Football: Interport Soccer Trial, Probables v. Navy, Club ground, 4.30 p.m.

Hockey: Club v. H.M.S. Medway (U.S.R.C. ground), 5 p.m.

H.K.C.C. Lawn Tennis Tournament:—

Open Singles: A. O. Johnson v. S. W. Liang, G. W. A. Tufton v. Dr. D. J. Valentine, Ho Ka Lau v. W. F. Edge, W. C. Hung v. F. Gross, Open Doubles: E. C. and E. F. Fincher v. B. C. H. Hawkins and R. R. Todd.

Chess.—Kowloon Chess Club Championship, H. Bush v. D. E. Carvalho; da Silva; T. G. Stokes v. C. M. Sequeira; Lieut. Comdr. A. Pigott v. F. A. Barradas.

Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Wednesday.

(February 11.)

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Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dances: Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.

European Mail:—Outward: Europe via Siberia (Hikawa Maru) 6 p.m.

Thursday.

(February 12.)

Queen's Theatre: "Song of My Heart."

World Theatre: "The Hawk" Part 2 (Chinese picture).

Star Theatre: "Barbed Wire."

Annual Meeting of Star Ferry Co., 12.30 p.m.

Prize Distribution at French Convent School, 4 p.m.

H.K.C.C. Lawn Tennis Tournament:—Open Singles: C. A. L. Rumjan v. D. B. Evans, Firdos Khan v. Siow Kim Sang, W. J. Howard v. E. Railton, M. K. Lo v. N. Nakagato. Open Doubles: K. Yoshikawa and Kinoshita v. Lee Woon Tai and Lee Wai Tsoi.

Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dances: Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels, 8.30 p.m.

Friday.

(February 13.)

Queen's Theatre: "Song of My Heart."

World Theatre: "The Hawk" Part 2 (Chinese picture).

Star Theatre: "Barbed Wire."

Concert at Helena May Institute.

Golf:—Final of Taggart Cup; Second round of Captain's Cup (Ladies).

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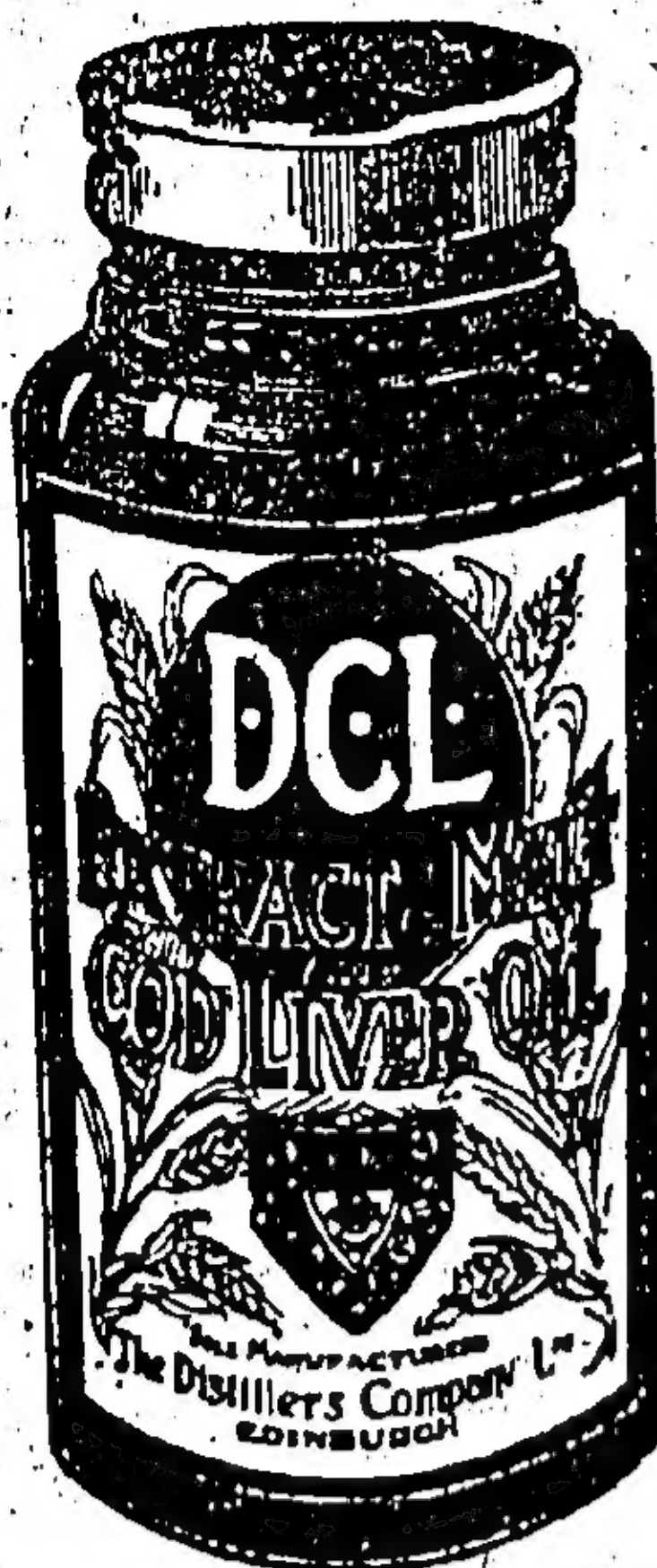
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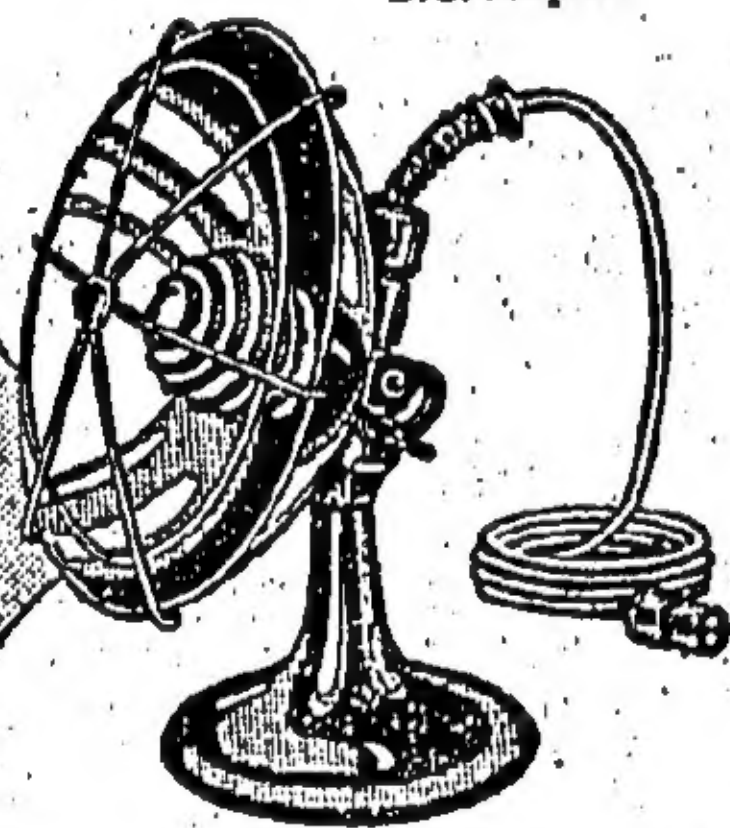
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A PRELIMINARY SURVEY.—I.

A new note shatters the age-old silence of the jungle. A Chinese farmer straightens out from his rice field to peer into the sky. A Japanese fisherman tosses imprecations aloft as a swelling roar disturbs his questing cormorants. In short, aviation has come to the Orient, bringing with it new ideas and new opportunities.

From Bangkok to Mandalay, can be heard the drone of commercial aeroplanes heavily laden with passengers and mail. In Japan, aviation is no longer regarded as a military science; it has taken on a new lease of life. Awakened China has taken to the air and has thus added another feather in her cap which she has taken from the plume of Western civilization.

Air lines join Chosen (Korea) with Japan and China. Siam, with its widely scattered centres of civilization, is preparing for rapid development of air-transportation. Persia, a country of great distances and few highways, is looking to aircraft to accomplish what the automobile and paved roads have accomplished for other countries. In the Straits Settlements aeroplanes churn the waters where for centuries only junks held sway. Singapore boasts of the only light sea-plane club in the world.

The Orient has turned air-minded, thereby opening a new and extensive field for the sale of aircraft and equipment. Aeroplane manufacturers of the world are looking to the countries east of Suez for a rich harvest in this class of trade. Stern competition has developed with America, Britain, France and Germany striving to gain footholds in the business of supplying the Orient with the means of flying.

With a realization of America's quick dominance of the automobile trade fresh in mind, other countries are moving rapidly to prevent a repetition in the aeroplane industry. But American manufacturers have been fully alive to the possibilities in the Orient. At least six American air-craft corporations have actual representatives in the field demonstrating American planes and soliciting business. Other companies have started correspondence with Orient trade representatives to sound out market conditions, whilst the British, French and Germans are not permitting the grass to grow under their feet. British, French and Dutch are rapidly developing the Southern Asiatic air routes to the Far East and Australia, while the Germans and Russians are concentrating on the Northern approach to China and Japan.

Across the Behring.

The United States is planning an extension of its air mail lines which will link the country with Canada then to Alaska and on to Siberia, and the Orient across the Behring Strait. The American Post Office authorities have made the necessary preliminary aeronautical studies and submitted a favourable report, but additional investigations are now being carried out. The line would be from Minneapolis to Winnipeg, following the Mackenzie River into Alaska, and then across the Behring Strait into Siberia. Further interest is evidenced in Pacific aviation by that fact that the House Naval Committee is to select the site of a new naval air base on the Pacific Coast to cost \$5,000,000.

Present air mail visions of United States postal officials may be described without exaggeration as grandiose.

Assistant Postmaster-General Glover, who recently returned to Washington from consultations with Canadian postal authorities, describes the proposed air mail hook-up between Winnipeg and Minneapolis as a "great project."

Existing Canadian services from Winnipeg up the Mackenzie River, through Alaska, and across Behring Strait into Soviet Russia, is now being flown, practically as far north as the Arctic Circle. The leg between Winnipeg and the Twin Cities will take a letter mailed at Aklayik, almost within a snowball toss of the North Pole, to Buenos Aires within three weeks, whereas a letter going by dog sled, railroad and steamship would take nine weeks to make the trip to South America. The hook-up with Winnipeg will also make direct connection with the Canadian service to the west from the Manitoba capital to Calgary and Edmonton. This service will later be continued west to Vancouver, as soon as the way is lighted.

Glover does not regard the American-Japan air route as improbable. "It is not an improbable route by any means," he declares. He adds that: "With the contemplated trans-Atlantic service from Europe to the shores of the United States and direct connection by air from the Atlantic to Chicago, the Twin Cities to Winnipeg and North-west Canada to the Far East, mail from Great Britain to the Orient will reach China and Japan two weeks sooner than by present methods of transportation."

The post office departments of both Canada and the United States at the recent conferences have given the proposition careful study and do not intend to stand idly by and permit this opportunity for a direct hook-up with the Far East to be supplied by any other countries than those of the United States and Canada.

Glover further stated that great progress has been made in civil aviation in Canada and that figures showed that the number of passengers carried on Canadian air lines is increasing all the time. The planes leaving Winnipeg flying at night for Regina, Medicine Hat, Calgary and Edmonton are all carrying full passenger loads, he said. He declared that such was not the case in the United States, where but few persons embrace the opportunity of flying by night.

Canadian Railways Facilitate Pacific Air Mail.

The Canadian railways which have already contributed so largely to the development of rapid trans-Pacific communications have definitely entered the aviation arena in a rail air hook-up destined to become of the greatest importance to future Far Eastern communications.

By the endorsement of the Canadian Government, in a recent Order-in-Council, the Canadian National Railways has been enabled to participate with the Canadian Pacific Railway, Western Canada Airways, Ltd., and the Aviation Corporation of Canada in the formation of a large company to be known as Canadian Airways, Ltd. The Canadian National is purchasing 10,000 shares of the capital stock of Canadian Airways, Ltd., an investment of \$250,000. The Canadian Railway is taking a similar interest.

The size and importance of the merger is indicated to some extent by figures relating to the Western Canada Airways. Over 2,500,000 miles had been flown so far by the planes of this company, operating in all sections of the country from Ontario to the Pacific Coast and far north in the Arctic Circle, one having visited the magnetic North Pole this year. The activities included also transportation of over 40,000 passengers, as well as mail, express and freight services.

Sir Henry W. Thornton, of the Canadian National Railways, and E. W. Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific, have consented to become joint vice-presidents in the new commercial air enterprise.

American Aviation Expert for China.

The U.S. Department of Commerce, keenly alive to the possibilities of China as a market for American aircraft, has appointed Mr. E. P. Howard, a special technical aviation expert with the rank of Assistant Trade Commissioner, to the Commercial Attache's Office in Shanghai. Mr. Howard is an expert aviation technician, flying instructor, airport constructor and organizer of aviation schools. For the past two years he has filled the post of aircraft and engine inspector in the Bureau of Aeronautics in the Department of Commerce.

Mr. Howard's appointment to China was prompted by a desire on the part of the Commerce Department officials to aid the Chinese with their aviation problems. For Eastern Review.

LONDON LETTER.

A SERVICE AMPHIBIAN.

London, January 15.

The Royal Air Force have acquired a small twin-engined amphibious flying boat for specialised training of service pilots in navigation and in the art of navigational instruction. The aeroplane, a Saro "Cutty Sark" monoplane arranged as a three-seater craft with dual piloting control, has an exceptionally full equipment of electrical gear and instruments.

The "Cutty Sark" is the smallest of a family of flying boats, obtainable also in amphibious form to operate from land or water, which are being developed by Saunders-Roe, Limited. It is powered with two 120 h.p. air-cooled motors and normally provides space in an enclosed cabin for a pilot and three passengers. Several of these machines are operated by private flyers, who employ them as air yachts, and by air line companies in parts of the Empire where larger machines would be uneconomical in the present state of air transport.

The machine acquired by the R.A.F. is considered peculiarly suited to navigational instruction because it may be flown indifferently over land or water, while costs of operation are low.

The largest yet built of the family, called the "Cloud," ranks among the most powerful amphibians in the world. An amphibian of this type, fitted for use as an air yacht to the order of its Canadian owner, Mr. Robert Holt, was piloted recently by the Prince of Wales most of the way from London to Southampton Water and back.

Foreign Trade.

British aircraft form part of the equipment of no fewer than twenty-four foreign countries, a fact to which attention is drawn by recent large orders received for service aeroplanes from Belgium and Greece. The hundreds of machines comprised in these air services include British aircraft of every type, and it is estimated that no other nation in the world has supplied so large a number of service aeroplanes to foreign countries.

Much of this success is due to the durability and strength of the flying machines built in British factories. In turn the wide experience gained in supplying aircraft to every part of the world strengthens and assists the British designer and constructor in the production of aircraft still better equipped to meet the needs of military and civil operators overseas.

Submarine Planes.

Among the more unusual types of service aircraft produced by the British industry are the small seaplanes built for reconnaissance work from submarines.

Considerable ingenuity is needed in the design of an aeroplane which shall be seaworthy and efficient and yet be small enough for compact storage in the limited space available within a submarine. A successful craft of this kind is the Parnall "Peto," a small two-seater constructed largely of stainless steel, which has made long cruises in one of the largest submarines in the Royal Navy. The craft is a biplane powered with an air-cooled engine of approximately 100 horsepower and is specially fitted for catapult launching from the submarine deck. Carrying a military load of about 500 pounds, exclusive of oil and petrol, the small craft is able to remain aloft for two hours, extending by many hundreds of square miles the area which may be effectively reconnoitred by a scouting submarine.

Once on board again the "Peto" may be folded into a small space within the submarine hull. The maximum speed of the machine is 110 miles-an-hour and a height of 5,000 feet, from which a wide expanse of sea may be swept, is reached in eleven minutes' climbing.

LONDON-CAPETOWN AIRWAY.

OPENING OF NORTH AFRICA SECTION.

The 2,070 miles North-Africa section of the Imperial Airways London-Cape Town air route will be opened for traffic on Thursday, March 5, when an inaugural flight will be made from Cairo to Mwanza, Tanganyika Territory, the machine arriving at Mwanza on Monday, March 8.

The route from Cairo to Mwanza will be via Assuit, Luxor, Assuan, Wadi Halfa, Khartoum, Kosti, Malakal, Shambel, Juba, Butimba, Port Bell, and Kisumu. The service will be operated weekly in each direction.

The flight through from London to Mwanza will be accomplished in nine days, as compared with 24 days by surface transport. A return flight from Mwanza will start on Tuesday, March 10, arriving at Cairo on Saturday, March 14, and reaching London on Wednesday, March 18.

The department from London to establish the first connection at Cairo with this North Africa section, will be on Saturday, February 28. The total distance from London to Mwanza is 5,114 miles.

Mails and freight will be carried through from London to Mwanza, but at first passengers will not be carried South of Khartoum.

Prior to the putting on service of the new 33-passenger Handley Page air-liners, the European section of the route will be operated by machines of the Armstrong Siddeley "Argosy" type, while Short "Calcutta" flying boats will be used on the Mediterranean section. The North-Africa section between Cairo and Khartoum will be flown by "Argosies," and then "Calcuttas" flying boats will carry on the route to Kisumu and Mwanza, along the Nile and African lakes.

The aeroplanes required on the North-Africa section are to leave London on January 17 and 24 to take up their positions on the route. It is hoped that by May or June, 1931, the full 8,000 miles route from London to Cape Town will be in operation, bringing London within 11 days of Cape Town as compared with 17 days by surface transport.

The main halting points on the route southward from Kisumu will be at Nairobi, Broken Hill, Salisbury, Bulawayo, Johannesburg, Kimberley, and Victoria West. Intermediate halts will also be made at other points.

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nine months old—whom she was
said to have killed by gas on
Christmas Eve.This was an "unwanted" child.
Mrs. Wise had four other children
by her husband, from whom she was
separated, and had been reduced to
the depths of despair to provide
for them all.Sentence of death was passed, the
judge, Mr. Justice Charles, saying
that he approved of the strong re-
commendation to mercy made by
the jury.The doors of the court were then
shut, and a jury of matrons em-
panelled, no one being allowed to
leave the court meanwhile.The jury of matrons found the
verdict that Mrs. Wise was to be-
come a mother. The judge accord-
ingly ordered a stay of execution
of the capital sentence.This was the first time since
women have served on juries that
a jury of matrons has been required
at the Old Bailey.In the past a search had to be
made for married women to form
such a jury. Society people in
court, as well as cleaners, were
pressed into service. Now the task
is easier because many women
jurors were present at the court
for other cases.Counsel on both sides and the
judge joined in deploring the neces-
sity of prosecuting the charge.

Hopes of Loophole.

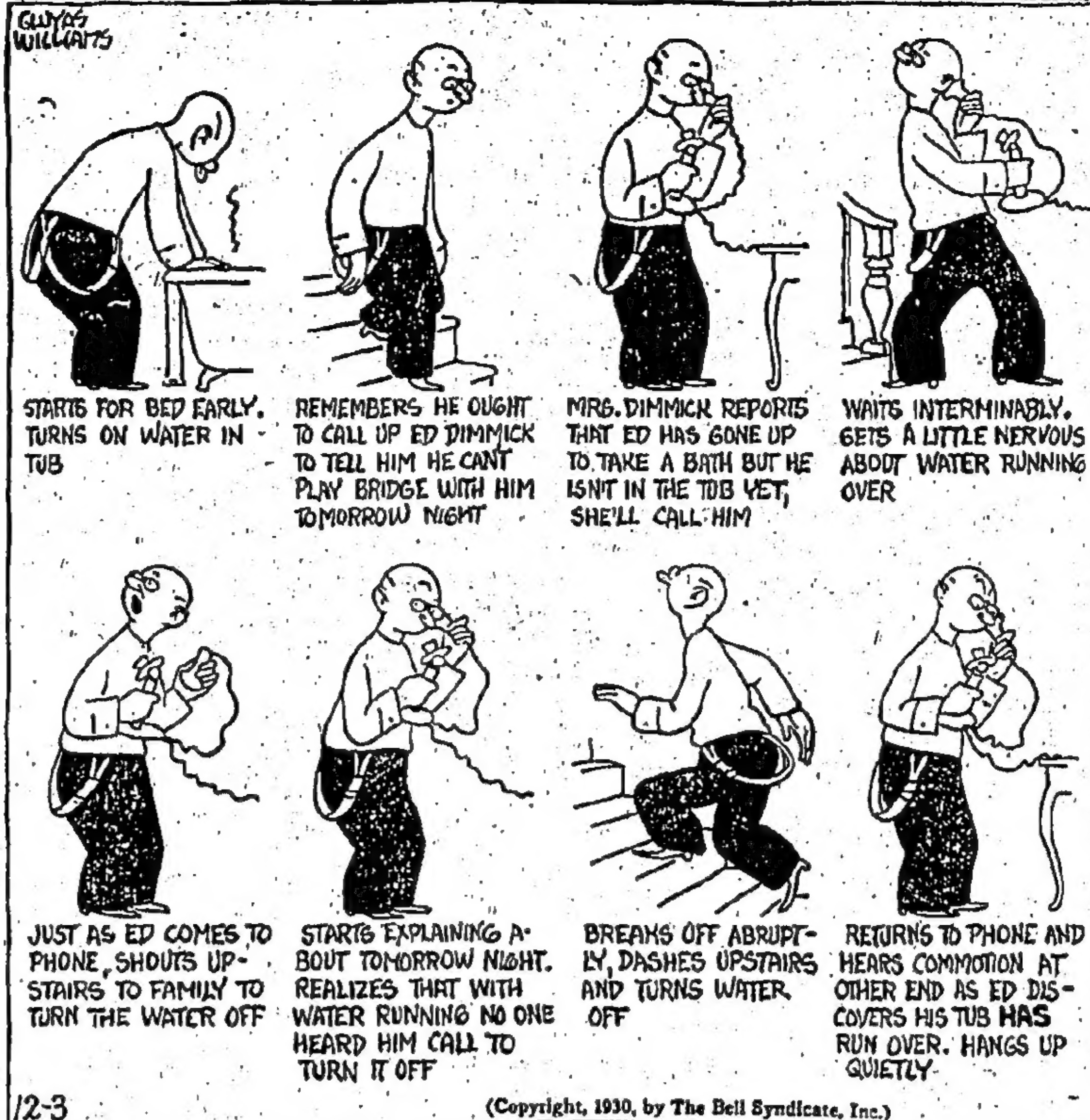
Mr. G. D. Roberts (prosecuting)
described it as a "pathetic case,"
and said: "I am sure the jury will
be anxious to find some loophole
in the evidence if they can."Mr. Justice Charles said that the
case excited extreme sympathy, for
it was fraught with great sadness,
but the jury must not be influenced
by this.It was stated that the father of
the murdered child was Alfred John
Wheatley, a widower, who had left
Mrs. Wise after living with her for
some time. Mrs. Wise was separ-
ated from her husband, and there
were four children of the marriage.Two days before Christmas she
wrote to Wheatley, begging him
to act as a proper man should
do.Then she took the unwanted child
to him, saying she could not carry
on any more. Wheatley took the
child to Mrs. Wise's mother, who
sent him back to Mrs. Wise. Mrs.
Wise tried to get admission to the
union that night, but failed. There-
upon she gassed the baby and then
went and told a neighbour.

Arranged to Marry Her.

Wheatley gave evidence, and said
that he had arranged to marry Mrs.
Wise if he could get proof that she
was free to marry.Mr. Raphael: You know she has
been free for a long time—I do
not know that.Did she sell her sewing machine,
buy wood, chop it up and hawk it
round to provide food for her
children?—I don't know.Was she desperately anxious not
to let her children spend Christmas
in the workhouse?—She did not
tell me that.Was she absolutely at her wits'
end?—She seemed very worried.Dr. Morton, governor and medi-
cal officer of Holloway Prison, said
that Mrs. Wise was not insane, but
had nervous exhaustion.Mrs. Wise did not give evidence.
When Mr. G. S. Raphael (defend-
ing) said that her act did not prove
any intention to kill her child, Mrs.
Wise cried from the dock: "I had
not. I had not.""She was a devoted mother,"
said Mr. Raphael, "and you know
the depths of despair and misery to
which she was reduced in her over-
whelming anxiety to look after her
children."The jury found Mrs. Wise guilty
of murder under the greatest provo-
cation. They recommended her
strongly to mercy.Mr. Justice Charles, having as-
sumed the black cap, passed sen-
tence of death. He said:
"You have been found guilty,
and rightly, I think, of murder.
The jury have strongly recom-
mended you to mercy. That recom-
mendation has my approval and will
have my support."The jury of matrons was then
empanelled, and, as stated, a stay
of execution of the capital sentence
was ordered as a consequence of
their verdict.

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11.30 a.m.—Chinese programme.
12.30 p.m.—European programme.
1.30 p.m.—Weather report, local
time, and Rugby Press news.
2 p.m.—Close down.
5 to 5.30 p.m.—European programme
of Victor records supplied by
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5 to 5.45 p.m.—

Variety.

Orchestral—"Southern Melodies."
—Walter Kolomoek's Honolu-
lians.
Duet—"The Sun is at My Win-
dow."—Johnny Marvin and Ed.
Smalle.
Song—"If I Had You."—Willard
Robinson.
Humorous Song—"Button Up
Your Overcoat."—Helen Kane.
Humorous Song—"I Want to be
Bad."—Helen Kane.
Chorus—"Where Did You Get
That Name?"—The Happiness
Boys.
Song—"West Wind."—John
Boles (Tenor).
Song—"Where Can You Be?"—
Jack Smith (Whispering Bar-
itone).
Orchestral—"Three O'Clock in
the Morning."—Walter Kolomo-
ek's Honoluilians.
Orchestral—"Alloha Oe."—Walter
Kolomoek's Honoluilians.
5.45 to 6.20 p.m.—

Orchestral.

"In a Monastery Garden" (Kete-
bey).—Victor Concert Orch.
"Romance" (Tschaiakowsky).—Vic-
tor Concert Orch.
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6.20 to 6.35 p.m.—

Operatic.

Song—"Lucia Di Lammermoor"
—Mad Scene (Donizetti).—Toti
Dal Monte (Soprano).
Vocal Gems—"Pagliacci" (Leon-
cavallo).—Victor Opera Com-
pany.
Vocal Gems—"Cavalleria Rusti-
cana" (Mascagni).—Victor
Opera Company.
Song—"Faust—While You Play
at Sleeping" (Gounod).—Mar-
cel Journet (Bass).
Song—"Barbieri de Siviglia—
Slender's Whisper" (Rossini).
—Marcel Journet.
Orchestral—"Martha Overture"
(Flotow).—Victor Symphony
Orchestra.
6.35 to 7 p.m.—Stock quotations.
7 to 7.17 p.m.—Pianoforte Solo.
"Sonata Appassionata in F
Minor" (Beethoven).—Harold
Bauer.
7.17 to 8 p.m.—

A Concert.

Organ Solo—"The Bells of St.
Anne De Beaupre" (Russell).
—Charles Raymond.
Organ Solo—"In a Persian Mar-
ket" (Ketebe).—Cronham
Reginald Fort.
Song—"The Gallant Lover"
(Granados).—Sonia Del Campo
(Soprano).
Violin Solo—"Nocturne" (Tschai-
kowsky—Hartmann).—Renee
Cheney.
Song—"Boat Song" (J. Moses
and Harriet Ware).—Lambert
Murphy (Tenor).
Song—"A May Morning" (Weat-
herly and Denza).—Lambert
Murphy (Tenor).
Cello Solo—"Fond Recollections"
(David Popper).—Phyl-
lis Krauter.
Cello Solo—"Impromptu" (Wil-
liam Popper).—Phyllis Krau-
ter.
Song—"Serenade" (Schubert).—
Louise Homer (Contralto).
Violin Solo—"Midnight Bells"
(Richard Heuberger).—Fritz
Kreiser.
Violin Solo—"The Old Refrain"
(Kreiser).—Fritz Kreiser.
8 to 10.30 p.m.—Chinese program-
me.
9 p.m.—Weather report, local time,
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10.30 p.m.—Close down.

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would be required to drive a train
from London to Bournemouth, or
vice versa, in summer or in winter,
assuming that the trains were of
the same weight. Various answers
were attempted, but none was held
to be correct. "Greater force is
required to drive the engine in
summer than in winter," said
young Pendergast, "because in
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gaged for the parts of manager and
a singer friend.Borzage, however, insisted that
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ered hair, refined carriage and mar-
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former Metropolitan Opera star,
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mack in opera, play the singer
friend.Tom Barry wrote this McCor-
mack starring vehicle and Alice
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van, J. M. John Garriek, Farrell
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"THE BATTLE OF PARIS."

Three friends, an Englishman, a
Frenchman and an American were
resting in a French hospital, Geor-
gie, a nurse, was more than kind
to them. When her lover, on leave,
failed to put in an appearance,
the three friends decided to put
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Here lover comes back, but only
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General.

Revolver Practice.—There will be
no revolver practice at the Kennedy
Road Range to-morrow.

Police Training School.

The weekly classes for Police Re-
servists at the Police Training
School, Kowloon, will be held as
usual to-day at 3.30 p.m. All mem-
bers of the Chinese Company, and
of the Flying Squad who have not
yet passed Part II. of Training
Course should attend.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol
of the Kowloon Section will take
place to-day. Fall in at Tim-tai-
tau Fire Brigade Station at 5.30
p.m. sharp. Dress: Winter uniform
and cap with white cover.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Riot Drill.—Riot drill will be car-
ried out to-morrow at 5.15 p.m.
Members will assemble outside
Queen's Pier at 5.10 p.m. Uniform
if possible. Report to the Drill
Instructor at 5.15 p.m.Miniature Range Practice.—The
usual practice will be carried out on
Thursday at 5.15 p.m. All mem-
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The event, inaugurated in 1908, in recent years has taken on the scope of a Far-Eastern fair, with exhibits from Japan and China on display, although these were lacking this season because of the general economic depression.

The carnival is divided into two parts, the carnival proper where Filipinos give vent to their fullest expressions of enjoyment, and the fair which has grown from year to year until it is now of real economic importance.

Elaborate Exhibits.

The various insular bureaus and provincial governments are displaying elaborate exhibits, while commercial houses and manufacturing institutions are making use of the fair as a means of advertising their products.

Many buyers from the provinces have made it a practice to time their visits to Manila for the fair.

The carnival was organized 23 years ago under the influence of Mr. W. Cameron Forbes, then Governor-General and now American Ambassador to Japan.

Ambassador's Visit.

Mr. Forbes will arrive in Manila during the midst of the carnival for his first visit to the islands in almost a decade, and it is the desire of the carnival management to arrange some means of publicly honouring the founder.

Just what will be done in this respect will await Mr. Forbes' arrival on February 9.

The management, headed by Sr. Arsenio Luz, director, has made plans for attendance during the two weeks of more than 500,000 persons.

ESCAPED FROM RUSSIA.

GERMAN MENNONITE PARTY REACHES HARBIN.

HUNDREDS CROSS THE AMUR INTO CHINA.

Harbin, January 28.—Another large party of German Mennonites, who managed to escape from Soviet Russia, arrived in Harbin yesterday, many of them in a distressful condition due to privations and the severe winter weather. Many suffered from frozen limbs and at least eight had to be taken to local hospitals for treatment.

Most of these German Mennonites were originally settlers in South Russia and Central Siberia, where they possessed rich lands. Due to the enforcement of the Soviet land-socialization programme, they began to move into Siberia several months ago and settled down temporarily in the valley of the Ussuri River and in the vicinity of Biagovest-schensk on the Amur river, their purpose being to remain near the border in order to be able to escape from Soviet territory.

Across Frozen Amur.

They enlisted temporarily in the Soviet labour gangs which operate in the forestry districts along the Amur and in this way obtained possession of a number of good horses with which they managed to escape across the frozen Amur and thence for several hundred miles across the forests and open country to Harbin.

The refugees who reached Harbin state that there are approximately 600 German Mennonites now inside Chinese territory, chiefly in the vicinity of Tsitsihar and Liuh-chung on the western branch of the C. P. Railway and at the Mulun coal mines on the eastern branch. Those who come to Harbin are consulting local Chinese officials, and the German Consulate is considering means for taking care of the large group of refugees.

The Mennonites are disciples of Menno Simon (Dutch) and date back to 1535 when a small community left the state church at Zurich. (Continued at foot of next column.)

FOREIGN OWNERS IN HANKOW.

REGISTRY WITH CHINESE BY MARCH 31.

MANY DETAILS TO BE GIVEN.

Hankow, January 27.—The voting list for the former British Concession at Hankow has just been issued and shows that the total number of votes at the forthcoming Landowners Meeting will be 621 as compared with a total of 787 last year. The number of purely Chinese votes has increased from 164 to 197, so that the increase is due to a larger number of Chinese landowners having claimed their votes. Roughly a quarter of the votes will not be cast by Chinese, if they take the trouble to attend the meeting.

Mr. Wai Gyiao-loo, the Director, has issued a circular to all the leaseholders stating that the period allowed for the exchange of British Crown Leases for Chinese Government Deeds will be from February 1 to March 31 of this year.

Distinction Between Chinese and Foreigners.

A very marked distinction is made between Chinese and foreign lot-holders, in that the latter will receive Chinese Government deeds of perpetual lease in exchange for their Crown leases, while the former are only promised "Chinese Government deeds of property ownership." The last clause of the "Guides to exchange of leases" states that "as from date of coming into force of these Regulations and onwards, the British Crown Leases which are not exchanged for Chinese deeds shall bear no legal effect on and render no legal protection to the land in respect of which it is issued."

The accompanying application for exchange of deeds goes into a lot of unnecessary details, as such forms often do. One can see that there may be some use in repeating in tabular form the particulars about the area, and boundaries of a lot, which are of course, given in the Crown Lease, but just why one should put down the assessed value of the land and the buildings or the yearly income from the property it is hard to see. Variable items of this kind have nothing to do with the ownership of the land.

Foreign lot-holders do not, however, need to worry about these forms as H.B.M. Consul-General has issued a notice that he will in due course send out a circular letter on the subject, and as no application forms for new deeds are being issued by him for the present lot-holders are requested to await the receipt of his circular before taking any action.

TO APPEASE THE SPIRITS.

CURIOUS CASE IN KOWLOON.

The hearing was resumed yesterday before Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Magistracy of the case in which Yeung Chi Chu and Li Fung Leung are charged with having obtained \$3,500 from a widow by means of a trick on December 11, 1928, at 331, Portland Street.

It will be recalled that in the previous hearing, it was alleged by the prosecution, that complainant met the two defendants, who pretended that they were fortune-tellers, and would be prepared to cure complainant's son of a disease if she would hand over some money to them to appease the spirits.

This she did and later they handed back to her a paper parcel purporting to contain the money. When eventually complainant did open the parcel, two years later, she found it only contained papers.

After evidence had been taken the case was adjourned.

Despite persecution the sect grew and extended its influence into many countries. They were particularly strong in Holland, Germany and Switzerland, from which countries they emigrated to other lands, particularly to Russia and the United States. The strongest colony in America is located at Germantown, Pennsylvania, where the Mennonites from Russia have been filtering into Manchuria for several months, but this is the largest group that has arrived, although it is reported that several thousand have fled into Chinese Turkestan and are collected at Tihwa.

COMPANY DISPUTE.

CHAIRMAN OF DIRECTORS CROSS-EXAMINED.

COMMENT ON VALUE OF PRESS NEWS.

At the continued hearing yesterday, of the Sze Yap Steamship action at the Supreme Court, which is a sequel to a dispute among directors and shareholders a European sergeant gave evidence of being present at the extraordinary meeting on July 8.

The Sze Yap Steamship Company is seeking an injunction against the defendants to restrain them from acting as directors. Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., is for plaintiff, and Mr. J. C. Jenkin for the defendants.

Mr. Wong Yuk Tau, another witness called for the defence, stated that there was a dispute at the meeting, but he pacified the gathering by pointing out how useless it was to quarrel when the only thing the shareholders desired was their rights and privileges. These, he contended were the chartering of the ships and the paying of a dividend.

Police Officer's Recollections.

Sergeant Hill stated in evidence that he attended the meeting at the request of Mr. Ng Tung Kai as a personal bodyguard and to prevent any disturbance. He arrived at the meeting at 2 p.m., and did not leave until 6 p.m. There were over 200 people present. At about 4 o'clock, about 150 left the building. He thought the meeting had concluded and asked if he could go, but Mr. Ng Tung Kai requested him to stay, as he feared the other people might return and make trouble. About 50 people were left behind and they conducted another meeting. The departure of the 150, was accompanied by a lot of talking but very little disorder.

Cross-examined, witness said that he had attended a few meetings in his time, but never one like that. It was extremely stormy, and he thought that Mr. Li and the solicitors left because they were afraid there might be trouble. They seemed to give the meeting up as a bad job, as it was quite out of control. There was no trouble at the second part of the meeting.

Director's Evidence.

Mr. Chu Yuen Chi, chairman of this old board of directors, said that over 200 people were present at the meeting, which ended peacefully at about 4.30 p.m. Witness ended that Mr. Li Yu Tong vacated the chair owing to a disturbance among the gathering and that Mr. Ng Tung Kai continued the meeting.

Cross-examining the witness, Mr. Potter drew attention to the Chinese newspaper reports the day following the meeting at which it was stated that Mr. Li was unable to control the meeting and another chairman carried on.

Witness agreed that he had seen the newspaper report and added: "I cannot attach any importance to things written in the newspapers; there is the law and everything has to be governed by it."

Mr. Potter: Do you not as a chairman of the board of directors regard as a very serious matter that such a statement should appear in the Chinese papers—I did not attach much importance because I thought this was another trick of Ng Tung Kai's.

"A Trumped Up Thing."

Don't you think it is a serious thing to play such a trick in the public Press?—Yes, I agreed that some steps should have been taken to repudiate it, but since it is a trumped up thing not much importance should be attached to it."

In reply to further questions as to the seriousness of such articles in the papers which any business man would quickly take steps to repudiate, witness said: "You cannot rely on what is said in the papers. Sometimes they will help you, and they also will run you down. I cannot say there was corruption in this case, but the paragraph may have been inspired."

Questioning further, Mr. Potter put it to the witness that the directors made no repudiation of the newspaper report until July 23. Witness replied that he could not remember whether this was the first notice by the directors. The cross-examination was not over when the Court adjourned until this morning.



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ELABORATE FUNCTIONS ARRANGED AT CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Feb. 9.
The British Economic Mission arrived in Canton from Hong Kong this morning and is being lavishly entertained by various public organizations in the city.

The British visitors, 21 in number, were given a very warm welcome as they landed at the wharf by a party representing the Provincial Government of Kwangtung, the Canton Municipal Government and the Canton General Chamber of Commerce.

After an exchange of greetings, the foreign visitors were escorted to the Victoria Hotel on Shamene, where 12 of them are staying, and the remainder in the British General Consulate.

At 10 o'clock the British Economic Delegation called at Government House on a visit to General Chen Ming Shu and General Chen Tsi Tong, and at 10.30 they went to the City Hall to call on Mayor Lin Wan Koi.

The party returned to the Victoria Hotel, and at one o'clock this afternoon they had luncheon with the British Consul-General at the British Consulate.

Later the visitors were conveyed in automobiles to the various places of interest in the city, including the Municipal Museum on Kuan Yin Hill, Yellow Flower Hill, where the remains of the 72 National Heroes repose, and Sai Tsuen.

To-night at 7.30 they will be guests of honour at a banquet given by General Chen Ming Shu at Government House.

To-morrow at noon the British Economic Mission will be the guests of honour at a luncheon given by the Canton General Chamber of Commerce, An Kung Street, and in the afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock the British Consul-General will hold a reception in the British Consulate-General.

On Wednesday morning, the visitors will be taken for another ride to places of interest on the outskirts of the city, and at noon the Mayor of Canton will entertain them at luncheon. They expect to leave Canton for Hong Kong on Wednesday afternoon by train.

As has been expressed time and again in the Press, the primary object of the present visit of the British Economic Mission to China is to study the trade conditions here with a view to increasing the volume of British trade in this part of the world.

NEW CHINESE RESTAURANT.

MANY ROOMS AND LAVISH DECORATION.

We were invited yesterday to inspect the fine new Chinese Restaurant which is being opened to-morrow at No. 28, Des Voeux Road Central. On the first floor there are five large rooms very well furnished and beautifully decorated with silk hangings and Chinese pictures mostly the work of Messrs. Wo Shi Kiu, Fui Pui Shan and Tao Kung Chin. Many of these decorations were exhibited at Wembley. The accommodation on this floor consists of no less than 60 tables. There are also beromonal halls on the first and third floors, admirably suited for feasts and formal occasions.

On the other floors there are in all 30 rooms each of which is named after one of the historic places of China. The food will be served on Kiangsi porcelain ware, in place of silver. The porcelain has been specially designed by Mr. Wo Shi Kiu, who, by the way, has accepted the post of general supervisor of the restaurant. Mr. Fui Pui Shan is general manager. Both of these gentlemen have had wide experience in restaurant management, and this enterprise will no doubt secure the success which similar ones have enjoyed under their management.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[All letters intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not for publication, unless so desired, but as evidence of good faith.—Ed.]

POPSY IN THE SOUP!

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

MY DEAR EDITOR,—Tubby's simply furious with me, he says I'm always giving gargled versions of his ideas. But I'm not always wrong and I wasn't about those currants, for when I went to pay the Government our Water Bill the lift wasn't working and the boy said "no currants no can do"—so you see they are having trouble about them.

Angus came in last night and says he's found the key to the Solution. He says he's done a lot of hard drinking during the week-end and that the way to solve the colery problem is to pay them in Roubles and he's got a lot of old ones he'd let the Government have cheap. He says Zedavisky put that idea into his head.

Angus says that dog powder idea of mine is fine and why not try it all round and that it's a case of wisdom out of the mouths of baby ducklings, and that's rather sweet of him isn't it, my dear. He says it's our duty to be suggestive because poor Sir William couldn't think of everything even if his subconscious self went on working when he's asleep.

Tubby says there's something radically wrong with the Government cistern. I do think they ought to have it cleaned out, especially with the hot weather coming on, so un-eugenic, my dear.

Yesterday I paid Amah and gave her eighty cents for each dollar and explained and said there needn't be any controversy. She seemed a bit septic and now she's gone Canton more far and I must fly because I've got to wash Tubby's shirts and things. Aren't these Amahs too lamentably benighted—Your overworked,

POPSY.

Hong Kong, February 9.

NO LUXURY PLEASE!

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—At a time when emergency measures are being passed which involve the breaking of Government contracts I am amazed to find the public so eager to support an unnecessary luxury. Entertainment such as St. Patrick's Ball!

At the request of the merchants and business men of the city our Governor has refrained from taxation and from increasing the very small Harbour Dues—on the plea that such charges would cripple and crush the business life of Hong Kong.

Yet these very merchants and business men are flocking round the Ball-room banner of St. Patrick with donations of anything from \$50 to \$200. The amount subscribed has reached the sum of \$2,200 and besides this several hundred people have already promised to buy tickets at \$10 each.

To break the contracts of Civil Servants and to anti-date reductions in their salaries without warning is unfair. To ask one section of a community to bear a burden alone which should be shared by all is unjust. But it is adding insult to injury that money thus gained should be immediately squandered by the General Public on a big luxury ball.—Yours, etc.

"JUSTICE BEFORE PLEASURE."

Hong Kong, February 7.

TWO POINTS OF PORTUGUESE HISTORY.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—It is really regrettable that facts concerning Portuguese history should be so frequently distorted in the foreign Press. This gives way to inaccuracies at times causing some concern and their rectification makes itself felt, so that the reading public may not be diverted from the essential precision with which historical facts should be related.

The two cases quoted below although not bearing such important significance represent, however, misstatements which I request you to kindly rectify with the publication of the following lines. The editorial of your issue dated the 5th instant under the caption "Portuguese History" is a masterpiece when referring to Charles V. says that "He ruled the whole of the Iberian Peninsula, and nominally, both North and South America!"

Charles V. ascended the throne of Spain in the year 1516 and was

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PRISON AND "CAT."

SCISSOR BLADES AS DAGGERS.

CHINESE CONVICTED BEFORE TWO JUDGES.

Convicted on a charge of possession of three offensive weapons, namely, scissor blades so fashioned as to be used as daggers, and six strips of cloth regarding which he could give no satisfactory explanation, a Chinese was yesterday sentenced by Mr. Buttora and Mr. Williams, sitting together at the Kowloon Magistracy to twenty months' hard labour and twenty-four strokes of the cat. The Bench ordered that if the defendant were not fit for punishment he was to undergo a further four months' imprisonment.

A Chinese constable, who arrested the defendant, stated that he stopped and searched him in Bedford Road on February 4 and discovered the scissor blades tied round his legs while the strips of cloth were tied round his waist.

The statement made by the defendant at the Youmatti Police Station was then produced. It read as follows:—"I was on my way to see a friend of mine at Shamshui when I picked up these things on the roadside. I then met the police. I did not know these things were illegal. I ask his Worship to excuse me."

In court the defendant explained that he picked up the blades on the road and finding that they were of no use to him threw them away again. A constable then came up and arrested him and later retrieved the blades from the road.

NEW DOLLAR RECORD.

NOW BELOW ELEVENPENCE.

The Hong Kong dollar touched a new low record yesterday when it was quoted at 10-7/8d.

The quotation at the opening of business was 11d., the same as on the previous day, but at 10.40 p.m. it fell below elevenpence for the first time in the history of the Colony.

proclaimed Holy Roman Emperor in 1519 and died in 1550. Portugal, an independent nation on the Iberian Peninsula, was ruled from 1495 to 1521 by King Manuel I. and from 1521 to 1557 by King John III. Upon the latter's demise the infant King D. Sebastian was proclaimed and during his minority Queen D. Catharina, his grandmother, took over the regency, some little time afterwards bestowed on the old Cardinal D. Henrique, a brother of King John III. The young King D. Sebastian on attaining his 14th year of age (1580) took over the reins of government and was killed ten years later in the battle of Alcanzar-Kibir on the North of Africa, where the Portuguese had very important colonies at the time.

The Cardinal D. Henrique then succeeded him (1578) and on the latter's death in 1580, as there were no descendants, the crown fell to Philip II. of Spain, son of Charles V. and grandson of King Manuel I. of Portugal by his mother.

Portugal was under the Spanish yoke for 60 years, i.e., from 1580 to December 1, 1640.

From the above we will see that Charles V. did not rule the whole of the Iberian Peninsula and did not even nominally rule the whole of South America as Brazil, discovered by Portuguese Navigators in the year 1500, was at the time a Portuguese Colony and gained its independence much later, in 1522.

I trust this brief and hurried explanation will help your readers to verify the accuracy of facts. Your issue of the 2nd instant also contains a somewhat misleading statement with regard to the departure of the De-X, the world's biggest flying boat, from Lisbon to America. The sub-title of the news reads "Italy's Chief of Staff on Board," whereas the telegram itself mentions the name of the Chief of Staff Vice-Admiral Gago Coutinho the well-known Portuguese mathematician and pioneer aviator, who, with the late Commander Sacadura Cabral was the first to fly across the South Atlantic from the Portuguese archipelago of Cape Verde to Fernando Noronha Islands on the Brazilian coast, in April 1922.

Vice-Admiral Coutinho is the inventor of a new sextant, primitively used by him in his cross-Atlantic flight and since then used with entire success in some important long-range flights by Portuguese naval and army aviators.

With my anticipated thanks for the publication of the above I beg to remain, Sir, Yours, faithfully,

H. M. T. MACHADO.

Macao, February 6.

LOCAL DOCTOR'S WEDDING.

PRETTY CEREMONY AT CATHEDRAL.

DR. J. W. ANDERSON AND MISS S. GILLESPIE.

One of the most outstanding social events so far this year was the wedding yesterday of Miss Sheila Gillespie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gillespie, of the Leasowes, Victoria, B.C., and Dr. James William Anderson, the well-known local medical practitioner, which was solemnized at St. John's Cathedral, the Very Rev. Dean Swann officiating.

Long before the hour appointed for the wedding guests began to arrive at the Cathedral which was full by the time the bride entered on the arm of Mr. T. E. Pearce. She looked very charming in her dress of white crepe satin, trimmed with old family lace which was also used for her veil. The bride wore a bouquet of arum lilies was attended by the Misses Jean Mackie and Joan Beavis who were dressed in delphinium blue georgette with small cones of the same material. They wore silver shoes and coronets of silver leaves and carried bouquets of pale pink gladioli tied with silver ribbon.

Mr. M. M. Watson was the "best man" while Messrs. O. E. C. Marton and W. T. Stanton were the ushers. Mrs. T. E. Pearce, who was the matron of honour, wore a beautiful mastic coloured gown of crepe romaine raised with flowered liberty velvet.

The Reception.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden when many friends gathered to offer their good wishes to the happy couple.

Mr. T. E. Pearce proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom, and in doing so said "it was a disadvantage at such functions in a place like Hong Kong that one did not usually have one's relations and intimate friends present, and the couple were very gratified and pleased at the way in which their friends had responded to make the gathering a success. He continued that, on behalf of his wife and himself, he would like to thank them very much for attending in such large numbers.

He went on to say that he, himself, had not had the privilege of meeting the bride's parents, but explained that they had mutual friends in Victoria, B.C., where only the best and fairest were produced. He was sure that the people over there would be thinking of them in Hong Kong that afternoon. His wife and himself had the privilege of knowing the charming lady who was the mother of the bridegroom, and it must be a very proud day in her life to know that her only son was married to such a charming girl. (Applause.)

As to "And," he was very well-known to them, and was one of the coming men of Hong Kong. Mr. Pearce said he was sure that the bridegroom would rise very high in his profession and they would all wish him every success in his future career.

Mr. Pearce asked those present to rise and drink to the health, prosperity, happiness and long life of Dr. and Mrs. Anderson. The toast was drunk and was followed by three cheers for the couple.

Bridegroom's Reply.

In replying, Dr. Anderson said that his feelings were much too strong for expression. More words could not express what he felt as to the kindness which had been shown to his bride and himself. First of all, he said, he would thank Mr. and Mrs. Pearce. He could not tell all they had done for him, as they had done more than anyone could realize. For over seven years he had had the very great privilege of "Mr. and Mrs. Pearce's open door," and he had experienced the warm companionship of their home at least once, if not more every week since he had been in Hong Kong. He added that he could not tell what that meant to him, and what it meant to other young men in the Colony who had shared it.

Dr. Anderson thanked them very much for the toast in which they had responded to the toast and said he hoped that, in years to come, they would be able to look back to their wedding day, as the beginning of one of the happiest companionships.

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WATER RETURN FOR JANUARY.

CONSTANT SUPPLY THROUGHOUT KOWLOON.

The following water return has been issued by the Water Authority:—
Level and storage of water in reservoirs on January 1; City and Hill District water works:—

	1930.	1931.
Tytam	12' 3" 23' 3"	23' 3" 23' 3"
Tytam Byewash	23' 1" 23' 1"	23' 1" 23' 1"
Tytam Intermediate	19' 11" 0' 6"	0' 6" 0' 6"
Tytam Tuk	37' 31' 29' 0"	37' 31' 29' 0"
Wong Nei Chung	22' 1" 21' 5"	21' 5" 21' 5"
Pokfulam	14' 8" 8' 8"	8' 8" 8' 8"

The figures are the depth of the surface in feet and inches below overflow level.

Storage of Millions and Decimals of Gallons.

	1930.	1931.
Tytam	233.96	203.27
Tytam Byewash .....	.42	.42
Tytam Intermediate	101.13	103.08
Tytam Tuk	670.01	608.00
Wong Nei Chung	8.47	9.50
Pokfulam	34.68	20.94

Total

	1930.	1931.
Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January:—		
Consumption	121.70	245.15
Estimated population	430,440	443,760
Consumption per head per day	15.8	17.7

KOWLOON WATER WORKS.

	1930.	1931.
Kowloon Reservoir	2' 7" 8" 8"	2' 7" 8" 8"
Sheklapui Reservoir	10' 0" 8" 0"	10' 0" 8" 0"
Reception Reservoir	2' 9" 4" 10"	2' 9" 4" 10"

Feet and inches below overflow.

Storage of Millions and Decimals of Gallons.

	1930.	1931.
Kowloon Reservoir	324.05	278.26
Sheklapui Reservoir	79.00	96.60
Reception Reservoir	23.98	21.05

Total

	1930.	1931.
Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January:—		
Consumption	110.03	134.32
Estimated population	173,630	178,720
Consumption per head per day	20.4	24.2

Constant supply in all districts during January 1930 and 1931.

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The total rainfall to January 31: 1930, 2.28 inches; 1931, .33 ins.

He continued that it was his privilege to propose a toast to the bridesmaids, who had been extraordinarily good in looking after the bride. His wife had expressed to him how much she owed to the bridesmaids, coming as she did only 24 hours ago to a strange place. It had been a very great comfort to have two such chery souls to help her.

Replying on behalf of the bridesmaids, Mr. M. M. Watson said they had asked him to thank Dr. Anderson for the kind way in which he had proposed their health, and to say that they would have done more if they could have done so, and joined in wishing Dr. and Mrs. Anderson a long life and great happiness.

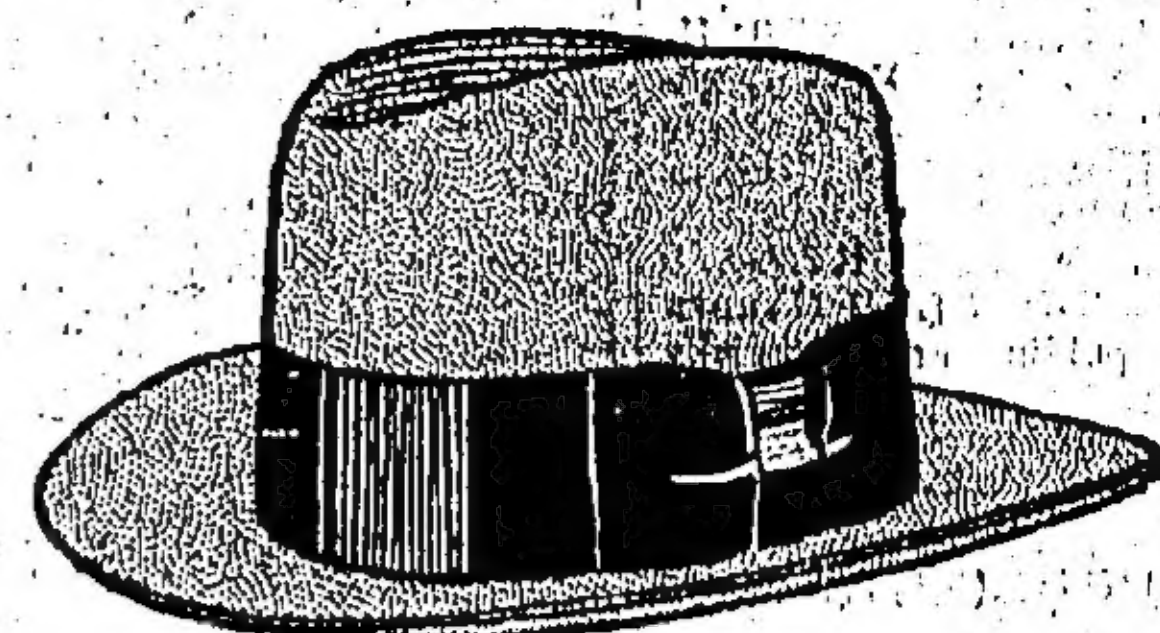
Those Present.

Amongst those present were:—The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Cassidy, Dr. and Mrs. Black, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lindell, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hamilton, Mr. W. H. Bell, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. and Mrs. H. Humphreys, the Very Rev. Dean Swann, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. U. S. Greenhill, Dr. and Mrs. MoEldner, Dr. and Mrs. MacGowan, Dr. J. E. H. Cogan and Mrs. Cogan, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Shields, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hazleland, Mr. Dowley, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. King, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Franks, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gordon, Capt. and Mrs. Oliver, Mr. R. E. H. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt, Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Grayburn, Mr. Beavis, Mr. Morris, Mr. Hegarty, Mr. M. H. Turner and Miss Fair, Mrs. Shenton, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Hugh Jones, Mr. J. D. Humphreys, Mrs. Luck and the Misses Lick, Mr. and Mrs. H. Owen Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Newbiggin, Mrs. B. L. Lewis, Mrs. Timson, Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, Miss Winnifred, Mr. Allan Cameron, and Mr. L. V. H. Booth.

After the reception the couple left for Yanning where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride's going away dress was a brown crepe marocain costume.

The groom's present to the bridesmaids was a beautiful platinum wrist watch.

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By Order of the Board of Directors, F. H. ORAPNELL, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 2nd Feb., 1931. [379]

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, at 3.00 P.M. SATURDAY, the 21st FEBRUARY, 1931, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1930. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, 1931 (Both Days inclusive), during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 4th Feb., 1931. [372]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 24th FEBRUARY, 1931, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, to TUESDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1931 (Both Days inclusive).

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hong Kong, 9th Feb., 1931. [380]

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at CITY HALL, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 28th FEBRUARY, 1931, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1930. The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 16th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the 28th FEBRUARY, 1931 (Both Days inclusive), during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, V. M. GRAYBURN, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 9th Feb., 1931. [381]

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AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 13th FEBRUARY, 1931, to FRIDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, 1931, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, W. F. SIMMONS, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 6th Feb., 1931. [289]

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the Office of the Company, 1, QUEEN'S BUILDING, Victoria, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 5th MARCH, 1931, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 1931, to THURSDAY, 5th MARCH, 1931, Both Days inclusive, during which period NO Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 6th Feb., 1931. [284]

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.15 p.m., stated:—
The anti-cyclone is central to the north of Korea. A depression appears to have formed to the south of Shanghai. Moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. Coast of China and over the N. China Sea.
Local Forecast:—E. winds, fresh; overcast; some light rain and fog.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The Superiress Rev. Mother Paul and the Rev. Sisters of the St. Paul's Hospital (French Hospital) feel deeply indebted and grateful to all friends of the Hospital who so kindly voted in favour of it in the General Golden Anniversary Great Hospital Ballot and desire to convey their heartfelt thanks and regards to their numerous supporters who have won for the Hospital the valuable prize.

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"FASTER, FASTER," SAID THE RED QUEEN.

THIS is an age of improvement and reform. We have only got to take down our copy of Pepsy Diary to see how much better are our manners, our morals and our treatment of women than in that courtly age when CHARLES II. was King of England. We have only to think of old times at sea, in the Army and Navy, in our law courts and pretty well wherever we like to turn to see how much we have come on, and what mighty fine fellows we are:—

"Those good old times," "All times when old, are good!" writes Lord Byron with bitter irony, and we have progressed since Byron's day—except, perhaps, in the inconsiderable matter of poetry.

There is, however, a certain danger of falling into an attitude of mind which regards change as a prime necessity, without taking much thought about the possibility of change for the worse. The American nation is, of course, the incarnation of the spirit of change. There is in it a demonic energy which can only express itself by demolition with the idea of reconstruction on a yet more efficient and grandiose scale: "Faster, faster," said the Red Queen, "and the famous creation of Cannots and Tennies, his illustrious, might be set up as the symbol of the United States. It is splendid, but there are times when it makes the slower Briton and Chinese gasp in wonderment.

This morning we received from America a pamphlet and a card from the "National Committee on Calendar Simplification for the United States." It was Lewis Carroll's Bellman, in "The Hunting of the Snark," an epic curiously reminiscent of many forms of modern movements for our improvement, who says:

"What I tell you three times, is true," and, to be correct, we received, three separate envelopes each containing a copy of the card and the pamphlet. Among other things we were told that:—

The defects of the present calendar as a standard for measuring time are innate in its structure and were born of the ignorance and prejudices of ancient civilization. Fundamentally, these defects are:—
1.—The lack of equality in the lengths of the months.
2.—The fact that the months do not contain a whole number of weeks, and
3.—The fact that the days of the week shift each year to different dates.
4.—The fact that the dates for Easter, Whit Sunday and other holidays are changed each year.

Further we learn that:—
After a year of investigation the National Committee on Calendar Simplification for the United States considers that the requisite conditions exist to justify the participation of this government in an International Conference to provide for the simplification of the calendar.

These conditions are:—
1.—The prevalence of a demand for calendar improvement on the part of a large and representative body of American opinion.

2.—A growing recognition by the general public of the grave defects of the present calendar, a lively interest in the methods by which these can be overcome, and an intelligent understanding of the principles of calendar reform.

3.—The actual experience of many business concerns with the use of private simplified calendars to secure more accurate accounting in their business affairs, and their practically unanimous judgment in favour of the general simplification of the civil calendar.

What is recommended is our old friend the thirteen month calendar, at one time a pet of that irreplicable progressionist, Mr. H. G. Wells. The chief arguments are:—
All months would be equal, and have exactly the same recurring 28 week-days of permanently equal monthly economic value.

The day of the week would always indicate the monthly date, which, conversely, would indicate its week-day name. Both the current day and date would be constantly recorded on clocks and watches.

Pay-days, markets, fairs, meetings, etc., would recur on the same monthly dates. That regularity would facilitate both business and home life. The complete four weeks would exactly quarter all months, harmonizing weekly wages and expenses with monthly rents, accounts, etc. Accounts, drafts, etc., would never come due on Sundays. Permanent monthly dates for recurring public, home, business, school, law, holiday, and sports affairs would be established.

Would, conversely, from 5th weekly payments for rents, wages, etc., at unequal months; adjustment of overhead charges, statistics, etc., while saving some expenses and helping progress. Would enable us to instantly know the number of days between any two dates for salaries, interest and other computations; e.g., last month 10th date to 6th month 20th; as 28x5=140, plus 10, would be 150 days.

There are, some of an intimate nature, and there is certain speciousness in the proposed alteration. The chief objection is that thirteen is of all numbers one of the most awkward, permitting neither half nor quarterly divisions. Something better than the thirteen month calendar will have to be produced before a suspicious humanity will accept the proposals of the worthy National Committee.

AFRICA AND THE AVIATORS.

THE first days of March will see the launching of one of the greatest enterprises in the history of commercial aviation, the establishment of the world's longest organised airway over 8,000 miles of route between London and Cape Town. Imperial Airways, Ltd., propose to open on March 5 the first section in Africa of this great new trunk air line, which will connect at Cairo with the present England-India air mail service. Big land and marine air liners will ply regularly over the deserts, great lakes, rivers and jungles of the vast African Continent. For the first few months the aeroplanes are scheduled to fly from Cairo as far as Mwanza, on Lake Victoria of Kenya Colony and Tanganyika Territory.

The entire Cairo-Cape airway, measuring 5,700 miles and spanning Africa from extreme north to farthest south, will be in operation from midsummer next year. Passengers will then be able to get from London through to Cape Town in eleven days, as compared with seventeen days by the swiftest ocean liner. The first phases of the airway is to be operated only by day, but after a few months of regular flying the air-liners should travel back and forth by night and day and the most up-to-date forms of night flying equipment are installed at the landing grounds along the route.

According to the Society of British Aircraft Constructors, between Cairo and Cape Town 27 main air stations are established, linked by about 30 intermediate landing grounds where regular calls will not be made but which will be instantly and always available for use when needed. At several of the main stations hotels have been erected for aerial travellers, and ground organisation at each station includes aeroplanes, hangars, workshops, wireless and weather offices, and quarters for the airway staff. Seventeen main stations have full wireless equipment, ensuring that all along the route the air liners will never be out of wireless touch with one of these stations. Long and short wave communication is to be used and messages between aircraft and ground stations will be sent both by telegraphy and telephone.

The success of this pioneer enterprise has thus been followed up by careful and thorough organisation, in which the latest inventions of modern science are being used in the heart of the Dark Continent. (Continued at foot of next column.)

★ News and Views ★

Weeds that Revived!

"I had not heard," said the vicar, when he met one of his flock in widow's weeds, "that you had again suffered bereavement." "I haven't," was the reply, "but my old man annoyed me this morning, so I'm paying 'im out by going into mourning again for my first 'usband."

Lonely!

Giving evidence before the Unemployment Insurance Commission, Mr. S. Warrington, Ministry of Labour, Controller for the North-West Division, said: "The companionship of the mills is a reason why girls dislike going into domestic service. Loneliness is an important factor."

Bridegroom Drops Dead.

After eight hours of married life—their second venture in each case—two septuagenarians were parted by death at Bristol. The bridegroom was Captain W. Babb, aged seventy-two, a retired sea captain, and the bride Mrs. Marian Foster, a former nurse, aged seventy-one. They were married at Bristol Register Office, a sister of the bride, also over seventy, acting as bridesmaid. They were discussing future plans over a cup of tea during the afternoon when Captain Babb collapsed and died.

"Bury Me Like a Pauper."

Colonel Sir William Charles Eldon Sergeant left £12,000 unutilised estate; but in his will he directed: "I wish to have my remains buried at Rock (Cornwall) at a total expense not exceeding that of a usual pauper interment—no flowers and no mourning." Sir William re-organised the Legion of Frontiersmen, of which he was the last Commandant-general. He was a barrister and practised at the London and Middlesex Sessions. Knighted in 1907, Sir William lived at St. Benet's Abbey, near Bodmin.

A Greta's Wedding.

Frantisek Roth, the Hungarian violinist, who is at present touring Canada and the United States, was married over the mail at Greta Green to Elizabeth Acht, a painter, of Budapest. Before dawn Mr. R. R. Renison, the blacksmith, was awakened by shouts of "Marry, marry, marry," and the ceremony was performed with the aid of an oil lamp. The bride travelled 1,000 miles to Aberdeen a short time ago to meet her fiancé, and the couple had travelled over night from Aberdeen, where the bridegroom had fulfilled an engagement. After the wedding the couple left for London and, following a short stay there, they proceeded to the United States for a three months' tour. The only words of English the bride can speak are "Very good." Asked why they chose Greta for the wedding the bridegroom replied "For the sake of Romance."

The Artist.

A 60-year-old white-whiskered street acrobat told a London magistrate:—"My trousers are split, and I cannot see to sew them. I get my living by performing, putting my legs round my neck. When my trousers are torn I am done to the world." The Magistrate: Will you be satisfied if we give you another pair of trousers? The acrobat was, for the court missionary undertook to patch them up.

The Law!

This story was told at the India Round-Table Conference: The Indian Army authorities, when notified of the birth of a son to an officer's wife, refused to provide the regiment with an additional half-ration from the day of birth. Headquarters referred to a regulation to the effect that "troops disembarked after mid-day could only receive their rations from the following day."

Vocational Training.

Speaking at the Conference of Educational Associations at University College, London, Mr. Edward Holden (the president) said there was still too much rejoicing over the successful examinee and too much neglect of the ninety and nine just ordinary children. Mr. Morgan Jones (Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Education) said he had a great suspicion of what was termed vocational training. It was a mistake to earmark each child at too early a stage for this, that or the other job. Sir Francis Goodenough (chairman of the Government Committee of Education for Salesmanship), addressing the modern languages section, said: "From almost every country we get the same lament, that in too many cases our representatives do not speak or write the language of the potential buyer."

A Hindu Application.

We take the following from *St. John's Review*:—
Dear Sirs,—I am Dheen. It is for my personal benefit that I write to ask for a position in your honourable firm. I have a flexible brain that will adapt itself to your business, and in consequence bring good efforts to your honourable selves. My education was impressed upon me in the Madras University, in which place I graduated number one. I can drive a typewriter with good noise; my English is great.
My references are of the good, and should you hope to see me they will be read by you with great pleasure.
My last job left me of itself, for the good reason that the large man was dead. It was on no account a fault of mine.
So, honourable sir, what about it? If I can be of big use to you, I will arrive on some date that you should guess.
(Signed) S. L. DHEEN.

★ Local Notes and Events ★

One case (Chinese) of diphtheria was reported for the 48 hours ended February 8.

According to a report made to the Police yesterday, three armed men entered a house in Cheung On Street, Kowloon City, yesterday, and after terrorising the inmates with daggers and knives managed to steal money and jewellery valued at \$100.

Sentence of four weeks' hard labour was passed by Mr. R. E. Lindell on a Chinese who was convicted on a charge of stealing a quantity of scrap brass from Taihook Dockyard, valued at \$5. In passing sentence, his Worship said that there had been a good deal of larcenies at Taihook Dockyard recently.

A report has been made to the Police Mr. J. Shand of 4, Ventris Road, that at about 1.30 on Sunday morning, while driving his car along Causeway Bay near the Jockey Club stables the vehicle skidded and ran into a tramway lamp standard. Damage to the extent of \$400 was done to the car while Mr. Shand was injured in the face.

But Africa is the Dark Continent no longer. The aviator has flown over it, and made his aerial survey. Visions take form of new towns and nations in the vast wastes of forest and veldt, but no traces have been found of those lost civilisations, with great cities ruled by fascinating queens, which so many writers of the past made so real. The folklore of the imagination gives place to the romance of accurately recorded accomplishment of adventures no less bold than Alan Quatermain and the discoveries of the mysterious "Shu."

A lecture will be given at the Helena May Institute on Monday, February 10, at 6.30 p.m., when the Hon. Dr. A. T. Wellington will speak on "A tour through India with the League of Nations Health Interchange." The lecture is open to the public.

An unfortunate accident occurred in the Harbour off West Point on Sunday evening when two sampans collided. One was sunk as a result and the occupants were all thrown into the water. They were rescued none the worse for their experience, but their property was lost.

Searched on the Ping On Wharf by Revenue Officers on Sunday, a Chinese was discovered to have 60 taels of raw opium tied round his legs. He was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell yesterday, and on conviction was fined \$10,000 or nine months' hard labour in default.

Money and jewellery to the extent of \$200 was stolen from No. 184, Des Voeux Road, top floor, at 9.30 yesterday morning. Four men armed with daggers and knives were responsible for the crime. They obtained admission by pretending that they were police searchers.

A Chinese, who is alleged to have taken part in an attempted armed robbery at 41, Peel Street, on January 22 last, was charged before Mr. Williams at the Central Magistracy yesterday and was formally remanded for a week. It will be recalled that six men armed with iron bars and toy pistols entered the premises under the pretext of renting a cubicle. When they revealed their identity the womenfolk of the house raised an alarm which caused the intruders to abandon their object.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Local.

The wedding took place yesterday at St. John's Cathedral of Miss Sheila Gillespie and Dr. J. W. Anderson. Page 5.

The value of articles in the Chinese newspapers was commented upon by the chairman of the old board of directors of the Sze Yee Steamship Company which is engaged in the Supreme Court action. Page 4.

Police Reserve Orders. Page 3.

Water returns for January. Page 4.

To-day's wireless programme. Page 3.

Shipping Intelligence. Page 13.

Sport.

Full description of Shanghai soccer and rugby interport trials. Page 8.

Junior cricket notes. Page 8.

Latest Cables.

The M.M. liner Porthos collided with a ferryboat outside Kobe Harbour last night, resulting in the loss of 50 people. Page 7.

Fire broke out in the Oakland (California) Horse Show buildings yesterday, three men and many valuable horses being incinerated. Page 7.

The Conference of Australian State Premiers passed a resolution to the effect that each Government undertakes to balance its Budget within three years. Page 7.

The Origin of a Great Book.

Brig-Gen. Hugh Cholmondeley, whose engagement at the age of seventy-eight has just been announced, is well known as one of the fittest men and hardest riders to hounds in Shropshire. His late wife, Mary Stewart Cholmondeley, who died in 1923, was a sister of Mrs. Bernard Shaw, and it was to the late Mrs. Cholmondeley that Mr. Shaw dedicated his now famous book, "The Intelligent Woman's Guide to Socialism and Capitalism." The story of how this came about has never before been fully told. It began when Mrs. Cholmondeley was asked to speak about Socialism at a local Conservative gathering. Like many others, she was anxious to get a clear definition of what Socialism is. The obvious person to ask was G.B.S. She wrote to him, and he began to answer her on a half sheet of note paper. This soon extended to another half sheet, and many more sheets were covered without Socialism being adequately explained. In the end, the reply took the form of the 470-page book.

The total output of the Kailash Mining Administration's mines for the week ended January 24, amounted to 123,317 tons, and the sales during the period to 120,531 tons.

The China Association (Hong Kong branch) and the British members of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce will be the hosts at a dinner to be given to the Chairman and members of the British Economic Mission to the Far East in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel at 8 p.m. on Friday, February 13.

Looking Back 25 Years.

Mr. Griffith Boscawen, the Unionist candidate in the Tunbridge division, eared neatly at a meeting, which the Liberals attempted to break up. He was talking about Chinese labour. He read one or two clauses in the Ordinance, and at the end of each asked: "Is that Slavery?" "Yes," was shouted in chorus. "I have been reading from the British Guiana Ordinance, sanctioned by a Radical Government," replied the speaker, much to the delight of his supporters.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, February 10, 1906.

Looking Back 50 Years.

Every day between four and five o'clock in the afternoon a gang of coolies armed with bamboo brooms proceed to stir up clouds of dust opposite this office and St. Paul's College under the pretext of sweeping the road. It would be interesting to know why the hour when most pedestrians are passing should be selected for this disagreeable operation. Surely it is the duty of the authorities to see that the scavengers do not make themselves a daily nuisance to the public.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, February 10, 1881.

PORTHOS COLLIDES WITH FERRY-BOAT.**FIFTY REPORTED TO BE DROWNED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Feb. 9.
Over 50 are reported missing, believed to be drowned, as the result of the French steamer Porthos colliding with a crowded ferry-boat, which promptly sank.
Twenty-five thus far have been rescued, but it is believed that 80 were on board at the time of the collision, which occurred this evening outside Kobe Harbour.
The Porthos was not damaged.

KWANGTUNG WOMEN'S POLITICAL RIGHTS.**PETITION TO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT.**

(Wah Tse Yat Pao.)

CANTON, Feb. 9.
The Union for the Preservation of Women's Political Rights, Kwangtung Branch, petitioned the Kwangtung Provincial Government yesterday to take steps to draw the Central Government's attention to some unsatisfactory provisions contained in the regulations for the calling of the People's Convention which have recently been promulgated by the Central Government.
They complain that although it was in good faith the Central Government recognised women's electoral rights in the prospective People's Convention, it is a fact that women in public bodies were not accorded recognition, as electorates would render it impossible for women to participate in the coming campaign for the election of their representatives to the Convention.

CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY.**REVISION OF TRAFFIC AGREEMENT.**

(Wah Tse Yat Pao.)

CANTON, Feb. 9.
Mr. Liu Ho Ka, director of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, Chinese section, accompanied by a representative of the Nanking Railway Department, Mr. Chi Pao Chiao, is proceeding to Hong Kong to-day. They will call upon His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, for the purpose of consulting with him concerning the proposed revision of the traffic agreement between the Chinese and English sections of the railway.

KWANGSI SITUATION.**DECLARED TO BE DEFINITELY SETTLED.**

(Wah Tse Yat Pao.)

NANKING, Feb. 9.
In an interview with Chinese Pressmen, General Chen Tui Tong declared that the Kwangsi situation had been definitely settled.
Financial Problem of Kwangtung.
As regards the financial problem of Kwangtung, he added, it still remained a hard nut to crack. There was a big deficit to be met to the current expenditure of the Kwangtung army under the command of the 8th Army Route Headquarters (of which he is the chief commander), in addition to raising funds to maintain other forces falling under the category of local precautionary corps.
He said he was now awaiting Mr. T. V. Soong's return to the capital, so as to consult with him in regard to the adoption of remedial measures.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT FIVE AND A HALF PER CENTS.**OPENED AND CLOSED YESTERDAY MORNING.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Feb. 9.
The subscription lists for the Government of India five and a half per cent. stock at 297 per cent. for payment in cash, which were opened this morning, closed at 11.15 a.m.

DIET SQUABBLE ENDED.**BARON SHIDEHARA OFFERS TO RETRACT.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Feb. 9.
After prolonged efforts to break the deadlock precipitated by the Seiyukai's misconstruction of Baron Shidehara's unfortunate words regarding the London Naval Treaty, a compromise has been reached after an interview between Mr. Inukai, the President of the Seiyukai, and Mr. Adachi, the Home Minister.
Baron Shidehara's remarks were made during interpellations at a meeting of the Budget Committee last Tuesday, when he asserted that the fact that the London Naval Treaty was ratified was clear evidence that it will not endanger national defence, as had been implied.
The Seiyukai regarded these remarks as an attempt to place the responsibility on the shoulders of the Emperor and accused Baron Shidehara of *lese majeste*.
The exact nature of the compromise is not certain, but it is believed that Baron Shidehara has agreed to retract the offending words and to apologise for giving unintentional offence.

INTERNATIONAL NAVAL RELATIONS.**BRITISH FIRST LORD'S VIEWS.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Feb. 9.
The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, in a speech at Newcastle, discussed Britain's attitude to the naval work of the future.
"We have pleaded for disarmament. I think you can go too quickly in this matter unless you can get other countries in Europe to go just as quickly. You find a steady decline in our naval expenditure and a steady rise in almost every other country, and you begin to ask whether it is the same policy."
He did not want any peace-lover to think he did not favour further disarmament, but it was a mistake to go on with a policy which meant constant fluctuation. He advocated the stabilisation of naval relations between one country and another.

FIRE IN OAKLAND HORSE SHOW.**THREE MEN AND MANY HORSES INCINERATED.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

OAKLAND (CAL.), Feb. 9.
Three men and scores of valuable horses were incinerated in a fire in the Oakland horse show building.
The scene was an inferno, terrified horses being kicked down in their stalls.
Some horses succeeded in breaking away and dashed outside enveloped in flames.
The police were obliged to shoot the horses to put them out of their misery.
Grooms and foremen rescued some of the animals.
The loss of horses alone is estimated at \$400,000.
Incendiarism is suspected.

LABOUR LEFT-WING SECEDING?**SOUTHERN COUNTRIES' DIVISION CONFERENCE.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 9.
A two-days' conference in London of the Southern Countries' Division of the Independent Labour Party to consider the question of disaffiliation from the Labour Party eventually decided to have the whole question reviewed before the annual conference.
The majority proposals were overwhelmingly defeated in favour of an international policy or organisation, giving no preference to the Dominions, but treating all countries on the same basis.

HEAVY SNOWSTORM SWEEPS JAPAN.**CONSIDERABLE LOSS OF LIFE REPORTED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Feb. 9.
Japan was swept by severe snowstorms during the week-end.
Considerable loss of life is reported from various parts of the country.
The train services are disrupted in North Japan.
Tokyo is experiencing unusually cold weather.

DISTURBANCE AT FUNCHAL.**FOUR RIOTERS KILLED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FUNCHAL, Feb. 9.
Four were killed in riots following the prohibition of the import of foreign flour.
Calm was restored, but striking millworkers declare they will not resume work until the flour decree is annulled.

Warships Not Yet Required.

GIBRALTAR, Feb. 9.

The report that British warships were proceeding to Madeira is at least premature.
The Malaya left this morning, but the destroyers remained all day long.

LONDON, Feb. 9.
Appropos the report that two British warships left for Madeira, the Daily Herald learns that the Admiralty had intimated to the Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, which is exercising near Gibraltar, that it might be necessary to send some units of the fleet to Madeira, but so far the necessity has not arisen.

SALT GABELLE APPOINTMENT.**BRITON NOMINATED TO MINISTRY OF FINANCE.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Feb. 9.
It is officially announced that the Minister of Finance, Mr. T. V. Soong, has appointed Mr. Frederick Albert Cleveland, an American economist, Acting Associate Chief Inspector of the Salt Gabelle, in succession to Mr. Frederick Hussey-Freke.
Mr. Hussey-Freke has been appointed Adviser to the Ministry of Finance.
Mr. Cleveland, who came out East with the Kemmerer Currency Commission, later joined the Salt Gabelle as head of the Accounting Department.
Mr. Hussey-Freke, who was formerly with the Hainan Conservancy Board, succeeded Sir Ernest Wilton in 1928 as Foreign Chief Inspector of the Salt Gabelle.

AMERICAN OIL MERGER.**SOUND REASONS FOR ITS CONCLUSION.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ST. LOUIS (M.), Feb. 9.
Oil circles are of opinion that the Court's approval of the Standard Oil merger will have a most important development affecting the operation of Standard Oil units since the dissolution of the trust in 1909-11.
It is emphasised that there are sound business reasons for the merger, which is wholly unconnected with any desire to make a monopoly.
The evidence during the hearing of the suit dwelt on the fierceness of foreign competition, with special reference to the Royal Dutch and Shell interests.

CHINA'S SILVER CURRENCY PROBLEM.**BRITISH EXPERT INVITED TO SHANGHAI.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 9.
It is understood that Mr. W. H. Clegg, retiring Governor of the South African Reserve Bank (who was formerly in the Bank of England), is shortly leaving for Shanghai, on the invitation of the British Government, to investigate the Chinese silver currency problem.

PLANS TO SAVE AUSTRALIA.**PREMIERS' CONFERENCE REACHES A DECISION.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CANBERRA, Feb. 9.
The Premiers' Conference passed a resolution that each Government undertakes to balance its budget within three years.
The Commonwealth Bank Board and Mr. E. G. Theodore will examine an appropriate monetary policy for the promotion of production.

Federal Treasurer in Search of Support.

CANBERRA, Feb. 9.

Mr. Theodore's plan is not acceptable to Queensland and Western Australia, and it is to be rejected by the Commonwealth Bank Board, unless it is greatly altered.
Both Mr. Scullin and Mr. Theodore are endeavouring to obtain the support of Messrs. Hogan and Hill, the Premiers of Victoria and South Australia, respectively, who so far have come to no decision.

Mr. Theodore will interview the Bank Board on Tuesday, and the Premiers have decided to remain in Canberra and await the result of the interview.

New South Wales Premier's Lonely Furrow.

Mr. Lang, Premier of New South Wales, is playing a lone hand. He will tell the conference of his plan on Tuesday. The basis of it is a reduction of interest and the adoption of a new form of currency.

Mr. Lang submitted the following plan at the Premiers' Conference:

(1) That the Australian Government should not pay further interest to British bondholders until Great Britain deals with Australia's war debt in manner similar to that by which Great Britain settled her debt to the United States.
(2) That the interest on all Government borrowings should be reduced to three per cent.
(3) That the Commonwealth Government should immediately abandon her present gold standard and substitute a currency based on Australia's wealth, to be termed a "new gold standard."

Mr. Lang declared that New South Wales had decided to adopt the plan where it applied, irrespective of the decision of the Conference.

Mr. Lang declared that if his plan were adopted millions of pounds now sent overseas would be released for circulation in Australia. The consequence of this would be a fall in the interest rates throughout the Commonwealth, which would give new life to industry and cause a rapid absorption of unemployed. Confidence in Australia would be restored, because her dependence on the outside world would be reduced to a minimum.

Speech Shocks Premiers.
Mr. Lang's speech shocked the Conference, which regarded it as tantamount to a declaration of intention of repudiation.

Fears were expressed for its effect on Australia's credit abroad, but it is reassuring that all the other Premiers immediately denounced it.

Mr. Scullin declared that the Commonwealth would never agree to such a policy.
Mr. E. G. Theodore spoke in similar strain.

INAUGURATION OF NEW DELHI.**WEEK'S CEREMONIES NOW PROCEEDING.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Feb. 9.
Widespread interest has been aroused in India, in this week's ceremonies in connection with the inauguration of New Delhi, and the significance of the occasion is amply recognised here.

The ceremonies were due to begin to-day with a banquet and reception in the Viceroy's House.
Dominions' columns will be unveiled to-morrow.

There will be a great *fete* inside the Moghul Fort on Wednesday in the presence of the Viceroy.
On Thursday, a magnificent war memorial will be dedicated, affording the most impressive function of the week.

The grandeur of the design of New Delhi, with its splendid boulevards and public buildings, has been the subject of eloquent articles in the English Press.

NEW ZEALAND EARTHQUAKES.**DAMAGE CONFINED TO SHATTERED BUILDINGS.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WELLINGTON, Feb. 8.
There has been a further recurrence of earthquake shocks, some as violent as Tuesday's, reported from Wairoa.
Violent shocks were also felt in Napier.
The damage, however, has been confined to the collapse of buildings already shattered.

Napier Death-Roll.

LATER.

The earthquake death-roll at Napier is now 103, including eight unidentified.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]
Their Majesties Subscribe to Relief Fund.

RUGBY, Feb. 9.

Although the High Commissioner for New Zealand had decided to make no appeal to sympathisers in England on behalf of the sufferers in the New Zealand earthquake, he shares the view expressed in a cable from his Government that he would be ungracious to refuse any voluntary offer of assistance. Over £4,000 in this way already have been subscribed, the donations including £500 from His Majesty King George and £250 from Queen Mary.
The New Zealand Government has established a relief fund generously subscribed locally, and a special session of the New Zealand Parliament has been convened for March 17 to deal in a larger way with the economic position and to pass any legislation that may be rendered necessary.

Meanwhile, the people in the stricken areas are beginning to return to their homes, the shocks of earthquake having now lessened in number and severity.

Good progress is being made with the demolition of dangerous buildings in the business quarters of Napier, and with the restoration of the lighting, water and sanitation services.

The Governor-General and Lady Blodisloe spent the week-end at Napier, and Lord Blodisloe, addressing a religious service yesterday, paid a tribute to the courage and calmness displayed by the inhabitants.
The Prime Minister is visiting the district to-day.

WOMAN'S SWIMMING RECORD.**JOYCE COOPER'S HUNDRED METRES—SEVENTY SECONDS.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Feb. 9.
Miss Joyce Cooper, of Kingston-on-Thames, broke the 100 metres European swimming record for women in an international contest held by the Paris Swimmers' Club yesterday.

Her time was 70 seconds.
The previous record, held by Mademoiselle Braun, of Holland, was 71-4/5 seconds.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND.**CONSERVATIVE VOTE OF CENSURE.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Feb. 9.
Two important debates will take place in the House of Commons this week, but it is not anticipated that they will create difficulties for the Government.

The Conservative vote of censure on the question of national economy, with special reference to the position of the Unemployment Insurance Fund, will take place on Wednesday.

The Liberals having indicated that they will not support the motion the existence of the Government is not endangered.

On Thursday, the House of Commons will debate a Liberal motion urging the Government to pursue an extensive policy for utilizing the labour of the workers in useful and essential schemes of national development, and proposing that the cost should be met by inviting subscriptions to public and national loans.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr. P. Snowden) has stated that he is opposed to the idea of a grant of development loans, but is willing to find the money through the usual channels, for any scheme which may be endorsed by the appropriate Government departments.
It is expected the motion will not be pressed to a division.

GENERAL BUTLER'S INDISCRETION.**APOLOGY: "YOU ARE HEREBY REPRIMANDED."**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.
The General Court-Martial of Major-General Smedley Butler has been abandoned, and he will be officially reprimanded instead.
This decision was made by the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Adams, after receipt of a letter from General Smedley Butler further explaining his references to Signor Mussolini.

Believed He Was Speaking Confidentially.

In a letter to Mr. C. F. Adams, Secretary to the Navy, General Butler has apologised for his indiscretion.
He said that he believed that the speech before the Contemporary Club in Philadelphia, in which he referred to Signor Mussolini, was confidential.

Mr. Adams, in reply, said:—"Such action on your part merits and receives the unqualified condemnation of the Navy Department. You are hereby reprimanded."

Secretary of Navy's Reply.

Mr. Adams states that the court-martial has been abandoned in view of General Butler's record of brilliant service, but he hopes the incident will have a salutary effect on his future conduct in matters of this character.
[It will be remembered that in his speech at a dinner of the Contemporary Club last month, General Butler said that a friend once told him that when he was driving with Mussolini in Italy, the Duce knocked over a little girl with his car. It was alleged that he did not stop, remarking, "What is one life compared with matters of State?" General Butler, who is in the U.S. Marine Corps, is known as the *enfant terrible* of the Army, on account of his persistent indiscretions.]

OIL LIMITATION IN AMERICA.**SECRETARY OF INTERIOR SUPPORTS IMPORT PROPOSALS.**

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 30.—Mr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, the secretary of the interior to-day addressed a letter to the Senate commerce committee in which he expressed approval of plans providing into the United States.

Secretary Wilbur also suggested that the federal trade commission be authorised to supervise all imports of petroleum and petroleum products into America.

Further, Secretary Wilbur said, additional and more effective measures should be taken to curtail the production of petroleum within the borders of the United States.
Secretary Wilbur's letter was written at a time when the independent American oil producers were campaigning in Washington for a high protective tariff on petroleum and petroleum products.

JEWISH POLICY IN JERUSALEM.**PROVOCATIVE SPEECH BY GRAND MUFTI.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

JERUSALEM, Feb. 8.
The Indian Moslem leader, Shaukat Ali, in a speech before the Moslem Christian Association at Jaffa to-day, paid a tribute to Moslem-Christian unity, but declared that Jewish immigration and political demands were endangering Palestine.

"The Jews must change their policy. The Moslem world stands behind you, and the Grand Mufti intends to make Jerusalem the cultural centre of the Moslem world."

ULTIMATUM TO PRESIDENT HOOVER.**LEGISLATIVE DEADLOCK THREATENED.**

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 30.—The Democrats in Congress to-day delivered an ultimatum to President Hoover, calling upon him to accept their programme for farm and unemployment relief or face a complete deadlock of the national legislative machinery.

The Democrats said that unless the President and his administration forces accept their relief programme, which calls for the expenditure of \$405,000,000, they will force the Congress into an extra session next summer.

Senator Joseph T. Robinson, Democrat of Arkansas, and the minority floor leader in the Senate, said that in the form of amendments six relief measures will be attached to appropriations bills for the Government departments.
"And," said Senator Robinson, "if the administration forces in the house strip these amendments from the appropriations bills, none of them will be allowed to pass and we shall force an extra session of Congress."

A Bitter War.

The Democrats decided to wage a bitter fight on the Republicans and on the White House after the house had defeated the Senate bill calling for expenditure of \$225,000,000 through the American Red Cross for the relief of starving farmers in the regions stricken by last summer's prolonged drought.

The Democrats are more than willing to have an extra session of Congress. For the extra session would call the newly elected 72nd congress, in which the Democrats, with the aid of the progressives and insurgent Republicans, will have a majority.

The ultimatum of to-day marked the climax of a bitter battle which has been brewing between the White House and Capitol Hill ever since the "lame duck" session of congress convened last December.

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Sports News

JUNIOR CRICKET NOTES.

POLICE SUCCESS AGAINST ENGINEERS.

(By "L.B.W.")

In dull and dreary weather on Saturday, the Police Recreation Club defeated the Royal Engineers and incidentally showed a flash of their old form, and now that they have registered a win after a fairly long interval, I shall expect to see them doing much better in their future matches. The Police have the material all right but it seems they never have the good fortune to be able to turn out the same eleven two Saturdays running on account of their duties. It is indeed a pity for they can put quite a formidable eleven in the field otherwise.

As regards the match itself, Clarke had a very merry innings during the course of which he hit a beautiful sixer up to the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital. Hunter made a welcome re-appearance in the Police side and knocked up forty odd runs. Their bowlers, too, had a good day, the most successful being B. G. Baker who had three "scrapes" for just over four runs apiece.

The Engineers put up rather a poor showing. I am beginning to wonder whether they should not have entered a combined team with the Signals—the same as they did last year for they would be much stronger then. However, I suppose their idea is to let as many people as possible have a chance of playing and try and win the league.

Kowloon and Civil Service were successful in their friendly matches against H.K.C.C. and I.R.C. respectively. I did not see the former game but the latter was a very low-scoring one and I must say was very surprised at the Indians' fielding which was unusually poor. I see that Lindell knocked up fifty odd runs. I was told it was a very forceful innings.

As far as I know there is only one league game this week-end and this is between Rovers and Royal Army Service Corps. The former should win easily. The Indians are at home to the Royal Corps of Signals and an interesting game should result. When they met in their league engagements earlier in the season the Indians won fairly comfortably but I rather imagine the Signals will put up a better showing this time.

The position of the teams in the league, up-to-date, is as follows:

LEAGUE TABLES.

Division II.	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
I.R.C.	8	7	0	1	31
C.S.C.C.	5	5	0	0	15
Rovers	6	4	1	1	13
H.K.C.C.	7	3	1	3	10
K.C.C.	7	2	1	4	7
R.A.S.C.	7	2	1	4	7
Police	7	2	1	4	7
C.C.C.	6	1	3	2	6
University	4	1	2	1	5
R.C.S.	8	1	0	7	3
R.E.	4	0	0	4	0

FANLING GOLF.

CAPTAIN'S CUP RESULTS.

The results in the Captain's Cup competition played at Fanling on Saturday and Sunday were as follows:—

Other scores were:—
D. S. Edwards 84-13-23
R. M. Henderson 90-14-76
L. Yates 96-17-79
There were 71 entries.

KOWLOON GOLF.

"FEAR" CUP RESULT.

The competition for the "Fear" Cup was played over the Kowloon course on Saturday, when thirty-two competitors contested for this popular event over 36 holes, medal play on handicap.

Dr. Cogan playing steady golf was successful in winning the trophy, his nearest rival, J. Ringshaw, being three strokes behind.
Dr. Cogan 75, 75-130-6-144
J. Ringshaw 76, 75-131-6-145
D. C. Wilson 76, 75-131-6-145
E. C. Fincher 84, 83-176-22-152
P. W. Plummer 84, 81-174-22-152
J. E. L. Johnson 83, 80-162-20-152
G. H. Russell 86, 79-165-23-153
W. Taylor 83, 82-165-23-153
W. M. Groves 84, 87-172-30-153
A. Eastman 89, 94-170-40-154

LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

OPENING MATCHES.

EX-CHAMPION EXTENDED.

Considerable interest centred around the opening matches of the Hong Kong Cricket Club Annual Tournament, as evidenced by the fairly large crowd present at the Club's courts yesterday afternoon. Weather conditions did not prove conducive to good play, but nevertheless a heavy programme was carried through successfully, including no less than six ties in the Open Singles and one in the Open Doubles, while a couple of upsets had to be registered.

Ng Sze Kwong, the ex-champion, drew first blood in the Open Singles by eliminating T. Akiyama, who, however, gave a very good account of himself. The Japanese in contrast to his performances in previous years exhibited no signs of nervousness, but instead, animated by being opposed to a reputable player, produced unusually good form. He defended resolutely, seized opportunities to attack and played enterprisingly, so that after conceding the first three games to Ng Sze Kwong, he snatched the next four. At this stage, the Chinese checked the Japanese by clever placements, and himself retaliated by taking three games at a stretch.

The ex-champion then showed his usual nonchalance allowing the Japanese to take a commanding lead in the second set of 5-1 games, but immediately after demonstrated his fine match winning qualities by securing six games at a stretch to end the match. Throughout the match Ng Sze Kwong relied mainly upon a forehand chop to outplace his opponent, following that up repeatedly at the net where he scored a good many points by pretty low volleys. There was, however, a distinct lack of speed in his shots generally. He now meets either A. O. Johnson or S. W. Liang.

In the same event Rodmond disappointed his supporters badly by losing to Leonard. The result proved to be somewhat of an upset, as most followers of the game expected to see him beat Leonard, but at no stage of the match did Rodmond give a shadow of what he is really capable. Leonard now meets P. Kong who yesterday beat Y. W. Lee easily.

Segalen, the only Frenchman in the tournament, met with success in his first appearance locally, he and F. Zimmern accounting of F. Ali and F. Khan in the Open Doubles.

E. Evans did not rise to expectations, losing to D. S. Green in the Club Singles.

Open Singles.

Ng Sze Kwong beat T. Akiyama 6-4, 7-5.

P. Kong beat Y. W. Lee 6-1, 6-1.

J. W. Leonard beat F. A. Rodmond 6-4, 6-2.

Yew Man Kit beat Lee Wai Tai 2-0, 6-4, 6-1.

Ng Kam Chuen beat Lee Woon Tsai 6-3, 2-0, 6-2.

K. Yoshitawa beat H. Y. Ho 6-4, 6-1.

Open Doubles.

Segalen and F. Zimmern beat F. Ali and F. Khan 7-5, 6-3.

Club Singles.

C. E. Holmes beat H. R. Remington 6-4, 6-1.

D. S. Green beat B. D. Evans 6-4, 6-3.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Open Singles.

A. O. Johnson vs. S. W. Liang.
Valentine vs. J. Ringshaw.
Ho Ka Lau vs. W. P. Pige.
W. C. Hung vs. F. Grace.

Open Doubles.

E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher vs. Hawkins and Todd.

SHANGHAI INTERPORT TRIALS.

SOCCER A FARCE: RUGBY A DEBACLE.

FULL DETAILS OF RECENT MATCHES.

The following descriptions of the Soccer and Rugby interport trial matches, played at Shanghai the Saturday before last, are taken from the *North China Daily News*:

A WEAK SOCCER TEAM.

Shanghai, February 10.—The Soccer Interport selectors must have viewed yesterday's trial game at the Candrome with very mixed feelings and ideas, for the Probables side, as a team, were very much approaching a failure. The Possibles, having but ten players for the whole of the first half, held their opponents to a goal, and, indeed, had quite as much of the play. They were without an outside-left, and for some unknown reason, no reserve was available. To make the game a real trial, the obvious course would have been to fill up the Possible side and play the Probables with a man short, but, as matters turned out, it was perhaps as well that this was not done.

The Possible side were made up to eleven after the interval by Torry Wilson going into goal, with Matthews in the outside-left position, but this really weakened the side, as the Probables soon put on three goals, which, in all probability, they would not have scored had Matthews been in goal. This, of course, is no reflection on Torry, who showed that he is a real sportsman, by offering to play in goal on a muddy ground in a perfectly good suit, which he later contrived to plaster with mud.

An Outstanding Pair.

The selection of the forward line for the Interport side will be made all the more difficult by the outstanding display of Bran and Murphy. Taking into consideration their form in the game under review, they both played themselves into the touring eleven, and they showed the only real football

Pote-Hunt had to kick out for a corner to keep Bran from getting possession. The Probables exerted strong pressure, and Pote-Hunt was only just wide with a good drive. Murphy was again outstanding with clever work, but had no luck with his efforts. Munro saved a certain goal when he kicked clear off the goal line, after Murphy had dribbled himself into position and beaten Chow with his final shot. Matthews brought off a save and was kept fairly busy for the rest of the half. Elliott hit the bar with one of his centres, but the inside forwards were very weak near goal, and not one of them got in a really good shot. Murphy missed a great chance when he shot wide after good work by Coulcher, and the interval arrived with the Probables still leading by a goal.

Work for Veterans.

Torry Wilson came into goal for the Possibles on the resumption, and very soon was in an action. A Brand sent Coulcher away with a glorious long pass. Widmore got a second goal after eight minutes play, but his shot should not have been so good. Torry attempted to use his feet instead of his hands. The Probables went further ahead in the next minute, Gash being the scorer, but the point was a very lucky one. The ball hit the upright, and Wilson made a gallant effort to save, diving full length in the mud, and the ball rebounded on to him as he lay on the ground and rolled gently into the net. The Probables kept up the pressure, but combination was lacking. Widmore added a fourth goal after fifteen minutes, netting from close in, with the goalie out of goal.

Matter of Luck.

The Possibles fought back and only bad luck prevented them from scoring. Coulcher missed an open goal after great work by Brand. Chow saving from close range, but he should not have been given a chance to do so. Murphy got in a great drive in the next minute. Chow again saving very well. The Probables' defence was often at sea, and they had several lucky escapes. Brand again sent Coulcher right through, but he pulled his shot across the goalmouth. The Possibles kept up the pressure for quite ten minutes, but were unable to reduce the arrears. Taylor and Hurry each won over and Brand did the same when he should have scored, following a mistake by Chow, who again dropped the ball after saving.

The Probables got away again, and Wilson saved twice. Sinclair and Colloco each missed good chances. Coulcher was again sent through from Brand, but Chow brought off a good save at the expense of a corner. Brand shot just wide when well placed, and Sinclair had a run-away on his own, but Pote-Hunt came across in the nick of time, kicking the ball right off Brand's toe for a fruitless corner. Brand had a great chance to score after receiving from Miller when off-side, but he put wide. Elliott got the fifth goal with a crashing shot into the back of the net, right on time.

RUGBY PROBABLES LOSE.

POINTLESS AGAINST ONE GAOL, TWO TRIES FOR THE REST.

On a field which was ankle-deep in soft mud, the Rest of Shanghai stored a surprise victory by 11 points (1 goal, 2 tries) to nil over the Probables fifteen in an Interport Rugby trial. The match was played on the Polo Ground and attracted a large crowd of spectators, despite the fact that it was drizzling throughout the contest. In a preliminary game on the same pitch, H.M.S. Suffolk won from the Club's third fifteen, by nine points (3 tries) to nil.

The playing field was in a bad condition after the recent heavy rains before the Club and Navy players stepped on it. When the Interport trial match commenced, it was a very muddy and slippery black mud. The ball was greasy and extremely difficult to handle, a factor responsible to a large extent for the scrappy games played by all the teams.

One of the most notable absences from the Interport team was C.T. Taylor, the outstanding player of this season. He watched the game from the side-lines, nursing an injured ankle. Taylor, fortunately for Shanghai, will be in condition to make the journey to the Colony when the Interporters leave.

Shaw in Great Form.

Shaw, full-back on the Rest fifteen, was one of the most prominent players. His sure tackling and clever evading of his opponents was one of the features of the match. Wales, Neil, Payne, and Younger (a newcomer with the reputation of having played for the London Scottish first fifteen), all played good games in their respective positions.

The Interporters kicked off and immediately commenced to attack, but the excellent tackling of Shaw relieved the situation before long. His kick found the goal well up the field, and on the throw-in the Rest forwards brought the ball into the Interporters' territory. There they played for the next ten minutes or so, attacking most of the while. Wales made one or two excellent openings for them, but the players were too busy trying to stay in an upright position on the slippery ground to make good use of his passes.

After this, the Interporters broke through on several occasions, but were prevented from doing any damage through the brilliant work of the Rest defence. The Interport forwards were playing good Rugby at this stage of the match and the good use they made of their feet proved dangerous more than once. Ten minutes before half-time, the game took on a sea-saw aspect and the ball travelled from one end of the field to the other without anything resulting. At the interval, the score was: Interporters 0; Rest of Shanghai 0.

Interporters Outplayed.

Immediately the second period commenced, the Rest settled down to play harder than ever and in a short space of time, proved that they were the better of the two teams. Their forwards managed to hook the ball out of scrums far oftener than their opposite numbers and their three-quarters seemed to handle it with greater certainty. The Rest's wing men also seemed to strike their true form for the first time during the match and menaced the Probable backs time and again.

A few minutes after the re-start, Orr, of the Interport fifteen, was forced out of the game with an injured ankle. This loss proved disastrous, as they had commenced the game with only fourteen men. Johnston, a forward, was transferred from the pack to fill the position of left wing three-quarters. The substitute played a hard and useful game, but he lacked the dash and speed of Orr.

The Interporters forced the play into the middle of the field for about eight minutes, but they could not keep their opponents from their territory for long, as Wales, Rest stand-off, gathered the ball in his stride, as it came out of a scrum, ran about thirty yards with it before passing it out to Thompson, and this player went over and scored. The angle was not too acute, but the slippery ball made Wales fail with the goal kick.

Rest Too Good.

Three points down, the Interporters tried their hardest to force their opponents from their territory, but they were unsuccessful. The Rest were bent upon adding to their advantage and made a number of forward rushes which were very nearly successful. Shaw, the Rest back, came up the field on his own on several occasions and, except for the timely and hard tackling of Pappe, would have scored heavily. From a line-out well inside the Interporters' territory, the ball was dribbled over the line by Younger for the Rest's second try. The goal-kick failed.

A few seconds before the final whistle, the Rest again scored, Wright, intercepting a pass forty yards from the Interport line, took off with the ball at a terrific pace and, after out-running the defenders, touched down between the posts. Wales had no trouble with the kick.

Mr. C. S. Holdsworth refereed.

SHAMEEN FOOTBALL.

SEAMEN STILL WINNING AGAINST ALL COMERS.

H.M.S. Seamen scored their fourth successive win in Shameen on Saturday when they defeated the Shameen Sports Club by three goals to two in a football match. Brind scored for the Sports Club a few minutes before the interval and the Club added further to their lead after resuming. Reimers scored the second goal for them.

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YACHTING.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

The re-sail of the 2nd race in the Ladies' Championship took place yesterday afternoon and resulted as follows:—
Course:—1, Channel Rocks; 2, Kowloon Rocks; 3, Channel Rocks; 4, East Rock Mark Boat; Distance 6.1 miles.
"H" Class.
(Started at 3 p.m.)

	Falchid Ctd. Pts.	Times.
Dianna (Mrs. D.N.S.)		
Colleen (3), (Miss Nescom)	4.18.48	4.12.42 6
Rolla (4), (Mrs. T. Thorp)	4.17.38	4.15.00 5
Falcon (Mrs. Linda (1), (Mrs. Harris))	4.14.00	4.09.56 8
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(Mrs. D. Lambert)	4.19.03	4.12.27 7

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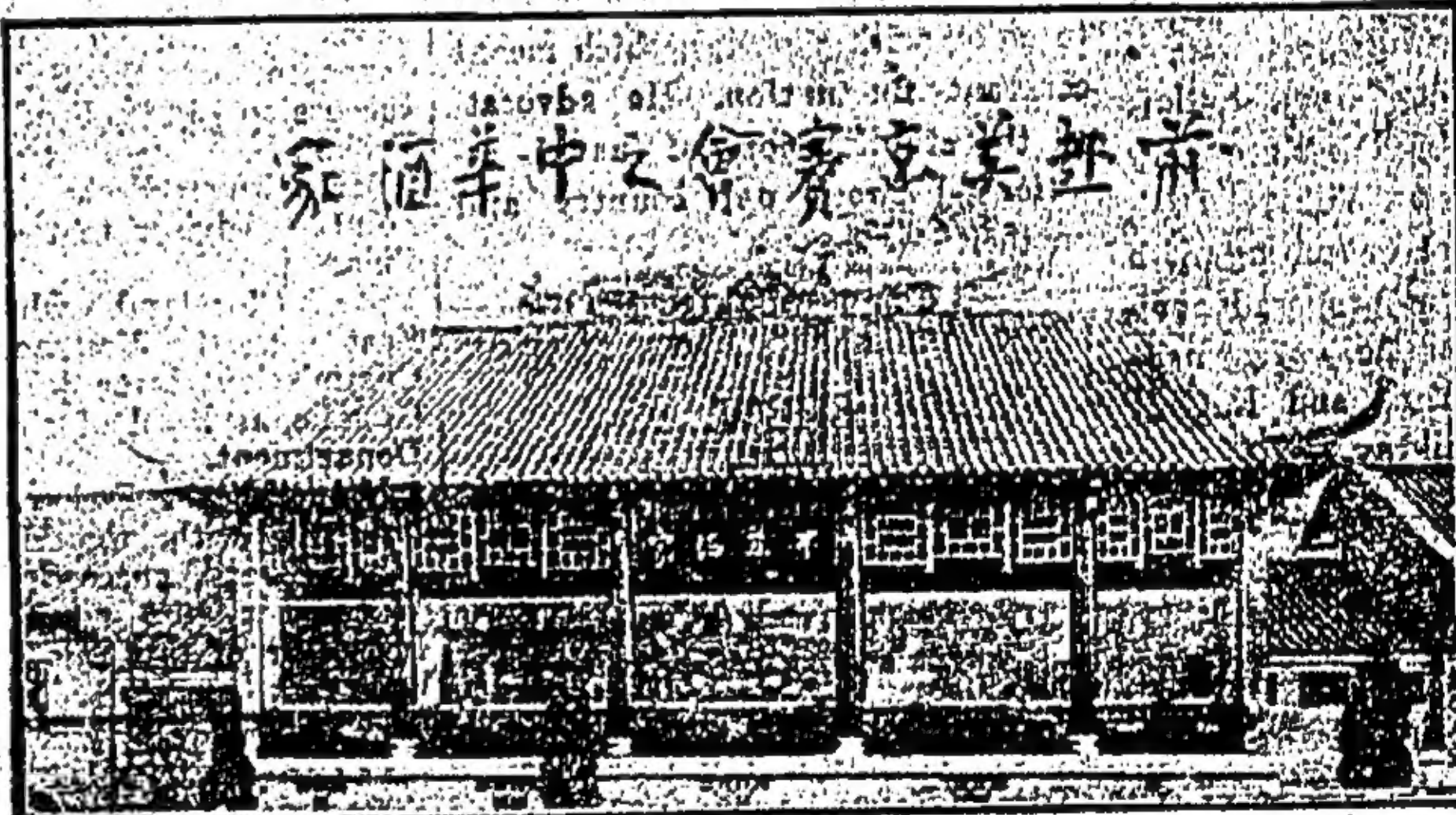
After this reverse, the Seamen team forced the game into the Shameen half and Spence scored twice to draw level for the sailors. The winning goal came through Hutchins who came through with a lucky shot from left wing.

The following teams were lined up by Mr. Clark:—
Seamen: Adams, Friend, McChom, Howard, Spence, Wright, Hutchins, Baxter, Neave, Cunningham, Baker.
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26, Des Voeux Road, Central.

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(The above picture is the Chinese Restaurant taken at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley in 1924.)

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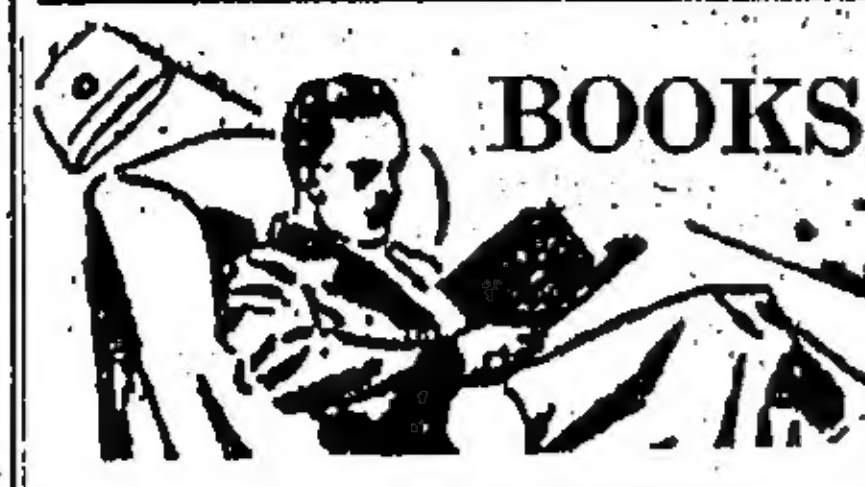
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PRISON LIFE IN RUSSIA.

THE UNSPEAKABLE BOLSHEVİK.

"THE METHODS OF THE OGPU." By
Vladimir Bruns. Harper
& Co.

If M. Bruns's terrible tale
of persecution fails to exact its
full due of sympathy it can be
only because the reader has had the
tale told him by so many political
prisoners escaped from Bolshevik
dungeons before.

The most sensational portion of
the book deals with the fabrication
of evidence for the purpose of
Bolshevik propaganda. The author
tells us how, as far back as 1920,
Russia was planning a "cassini
trial" to demonstrate the espionage
work of England in U.S.S.R. and
how the Tcheka, as M. Bruns
Brunovsky prefers to call the
OGPU, formally made this offer to
him.

Your services could be of excep-
tional value, because you could as-
sume the role of the British agent,
which would aid matters in many
respects. Naturally we shall find
the means of rewarding you as you
think fit, and as far as your con-
viction at the trial goes, this
should give you no cause for worry.
We will make it possible for you
to live in the U.S.S.R. under an
assumed name wherever you desire.
Your family will be equally provided
for, according to your wishes.

M. Bruns, whose courage
appears to have been conspicuously
greater than his lack, refused.
This refusal led to his being im-
prisoned and persecuted for over
three years, in an attempt to get
him to confess a crime of which
he was not guilty.

His picture of prison life stirs
the imagination with disgust. He
tells of sadistic and perverted war-
ders and of official crimes, conceal-
ed for ever by the execution of the
victim.

In matters of detail he is scrupu-
lous and his record of prison
rations is enlightening. In the
morning he received three-quarters
of a pound of bread; hot water
was issued once a day; three-
quarters of a tumblerful of sugar
was allowed every 15 days; one table-
spoonful of tea (made from burnt
apples) and one table-spoonful of
coffee made from peonies sufficed
for the same period. Dinner was
an "ordure." It consisted of a
bustling of "terrible roasting soup,
cooked with oil and dried
potatoes. The soup is made of stale,
almost unwashed entrails, liver,
lights and brains." For supper,
there was "black buck wheat, or
millet-meal gruel with hemp-seed
oil, which is only nominally sup-
plied—actually there is no oil."

With great fortitude and ingenu-
ity M. Bruns during his long
imprisonment managed to com-
municate with his wife by means of
smuggled letters. Despite the fact
that his cell bore the notice, "If
any prisoner approaches the win-
dow, the sentry fires without warn-
ing," the author instituted a
pigeon post, which when discovered
led to the organized slaughter of
all pigeons in the vicinity of the
prison, and actually devised a
"rope railway" for the transport
of provisions—a device which was
also discovered.

In the Butyrki Prison the au-
thor once attempted to get into
communication with the famous
Captain Reilly, who was incar-
cerated in the prison hospital. So
closely was the captain guarded,
however, that he was allowed only
ten minutes' exercise a day, and
was constantly watched by two
warders. The author definitely dis-
misses as untrue the Bolshevik re-
port that the captain was executed
in 1925, and suggests that he
may still be alive in the inner
prison, in a secret cell, "until re-
quired."

ETHEL MANNIN'S NEW NOVEL.

"RAGGED BANNERS." By Ethel
Mannin. (Jerrilda 7s. 6d.)

"Ragged Banners" is primarily
the portrait of a misfit. Young
Starridge is one of those strangely
sensitive creatures—the philistines
may have a rather different epithet
to apply—who must always be de-
stined for tragedy in a "bourgeoisie"
world. He is a poet, a potential
genius if you will, who is for ever
courageously searching for freedom.
All he asks is to be left alone, and
that, of course, is the one blessing
that is always denied him. Even
the few real friends who come near
to understanding him during his
wanderings across Europe demand
too much. And when at last it
does seem as though he has found
the ideal companion, the German
Max, a woman whom he has un-
spurned, comes between them.

More, she taunts him with her
victory, and in a moment of mad-
ness he kills her.
(This is a provocatively outspoken
book. Miss Mannin is a serious
artist, and she has something very

definite to say. It may be that her
portrait of Starridge is not wholly
convincing (in the hands of the
greatest master he would have re-
mained aloof), but its framing is
admirably handled. There is bright
colour, too, in the panorama—
Miss Mannin seems as much at
home in Bloomsbury's most curi-
ous corners as she is on an Italian
hill-top—and even though Starridge
himself may baffle you, his story
is not disappointing. It is not
even depressing, for in the livelier
side in the more tragic moments
Miss Mannin is herself looking
courageously ahead.

THE MODERN SHOT GUN.

"THE MODERN SHOT GUN." Vol.
I. The Gun. By Major
Gerald Burrard, D.S.O. (Her-
bert Jenkins, 15s.)

The author of this book is writ-
ing three volumes on the modern
shot gun. This, the first, is con-
cerned with the gun itself: the
others will deal with the ammu-
nition used and with a combination
of gun and ammunition. It is well
that this task has been undertaken
by an ex-artillery officer, for the
details of mechanism that he goes
into would baffle most other peo-
ple. We are shown the difference
between a chip gun and a best-
grad one in many details, starting
with the steel from which the bar-
rels are made. The advantages of
a really high-class article are shown
chiefly in durability and in safety,
the cheap gun being safe enough
under ordinary circumstances, but
not so reliable in a really hot cor-
ner, when birds are coming thick
and fast. Some beginners may not
know whence the terms by which the
parts of a gun are described origi-
nate, but in this book this infor-
mation is given very briefly and
clearly. Guns have not altered very
much really since breech-loaders
were first introduced, in fact, "ex-
trators" are almost the same now
as when invented by Mr. Charles
Lancaster in 1852.

There is a chapter on "single
triggers," and although it is claim-
ed for these that they are a little
quicker than double triggers, yet
the author remarks, "it is doubt-
ful whether a really slow man can
be turned into a quick one by the
change from two triggers to one."
"Over and under guns" are dealt
with at some length, that is, guns
whose barrels are situated one
above the other and not side by
side. The advantages claimed for
this arrangement are noted, and
we are told that guns of this type
are popular in America. The ill-
ustrations consist of photographs of
all sorts of different parts of
guns, and are clear and instruc-
tive.

BRILLIANT NOVEL BY LORD BIRKENHEAD'S DAUGHTER.

"FLAMENCO." By Lady Eleanor
Smith. (Gollancz, 7s. 6d.)

"Flamenco" in its setting is
back in the earlier years of the
nineteenth century and we are in-
troduced to the strangely uncom-
fortable household of the Lovells.
Their story is told in a masterly
way. Indeed, had an extra Bronte
sister managed to slip into exis-
tence and followed the family tradi-
tion, one might be tempted to say
that "Flamenco" was her contri-
bution to letters.

Richard Lovell has been dis-
covered using loaded dice at his
London club, and henceforth is
fated to be exiled in Devon: a
dour friendless figure with a half-
crazy wife and three children.
There is a little money and nothing
to do, but the arrival of some an-
nual dukes, gypsies in the neighbour-
hood pay the way to a curiously
interesting drama. On an im-
pulse—not so strange as it seems to
be, for he has "Egyptian" blood
in his own veins—the Lovell buys
a gypsy girl from her parents and
brings her up as his own. In due
course she marries his second son,
after the father has attempted to
make her his mistress, but he is
a miserable waster, and it is
Harry, the elder brother who is
the father of her child. And it is
to Harry that she goes for all
time, when, in his turn, their son
has been rescued from the gypsies.

Such a bare outline, however,
does not more than the scantiest
justice to a wholly exceptional
piece of work. These Lovells stand
out in the clearest relief. Richard
himself slowly sinking down, but
never without a touch of his old-
time dignity; his wife, shut up in
her room with her paints and
powders and preposterous dresses;
Harry, the farmer, doggedly wait-
ing for his woman; and the effemi-
nate Evelyn, who has married
Camilla—every one of them is as

never intrudes. There is a sustain-
ed grimness in the story, but it
has its beauty. Following her fine
novel it would seem that Lady
Eleanor Smith must be placed very
near to the front rank of the re-
cent writers of to-day.

COTTON MARKETS.

WEAVING DISPUTE IN LANCASHIRE.

IMPORTS FROM RUSSIA INCREASING.

The following reports have been
issued by Messrs. Hornby, Hemelryk
& Co., Liverpool, under date, Jan-
uary 13:—

American Cotton.

The market does not show much
change on the week, but it is in-
teresting to note that the difference
between Liverpool and New York
has narrowed somewhat. This is
probably due to the 8-loom dispute
in Lancashire, to the low price of
silver which restricts business with
China, and to the fact that some
Russian cotton, which competes
with American cotton, is making
its appearance on the Liverpool
market.

Compared to New York, our
market is today extremely cheap.
Liverpool May is only 16 Liverpool
points higher than New York,
which means, of course, that
America will have to continue
carrying the surplus instead of
being able to unload it in Europe.

According to the Department of
Agriculture, ginnings up to De-
cember 1 included 1,601,000 bales
of untenderable cotton, against
2,809,000 bales last year.

The weaving dispute in Lancas-
hire is causing a certain amount
of anxiety as the employers have
decided to close all weaving sheds
on the 15th inst. unless the dispute
is settled in the meantime. The
employers are firm in their attitude
although they have offered to apply
the new system gradually, but we
fear that the lack of any spirit of
conciliation on the part of the
trade union leaders may aggravate
the dispute. They refuse to march
with the times, although it is ob-
vious that the operatives will have
to give way sooner or later.

We understand that the employ-
ers have found a way of stopping
the weaving sheds whereby the
operatives will not be able to draw
the dole, and in view of the trade
unions, poor state of finance, the
dispute cannot presumably last very
long.

The coal situation in this country
is also having a depressing effect,
and yet in spite of all our labour
troubles, the markets in general
have remained fairly steady. There
has been no further drop in any
article, and the stock markets have
shown a distinctly firmer tendency.
This is probably due to the fact
that, after all, there must be an
end to every decline, and that as
there has been such a very drastic
deflation in every article, people are
hoping that the decline has now
run its course.

In his annual report, the Chair-
man of the Chase National Bank,
the largest banking institution in
America, expresses himself in a
similar strain and takes a rather
hopeful view of the situation, em-
phasizing at the same time that it
would be good business for America
to initiate a reduction in inter-
Allied debts.

But, in the meantime, specula-
tion is absent, and by speculation
we do not mean the gambling
element, but rather those who really
invest in an article because it is
extremely cheap. That they will
turn their eyes to cotton at this
very cheap level is inevitable sooner
or later, and they will probably buy
before the trade does, as is usually
the case. We wonder, therefore,
whether the trade would not be well
advised, especially the retailer, to
pick up some stock at the very
reasonable prices ruling at present.

Empire Cotton.

Trading in the new Eastern
futures contract in Liverpool will
be inaugurated on February 2 for
delivery in May, 1931, and onwards.

A well-known authority revises
its estimate of the supply of East
Indian cotton this season (in bales
of 400 lbs.) as follows:—

1929/31.	1929/30.
Bengal and Sind 1,130,000	1,175,000
American seed..	500,000
Omra/Dholera 2,870,000	3,104,000
Broach and	
Gurti 440,000	440,000
Other growths..	800,000
Total	5,840,000
Grown for hand-loom consumption	750,000
Total production	6,590,000
Carry over	1,200,000
Total supply	7,790,000

The arrival of Russian cotton in
Liverpool calls attention to the
Russian crop which is estimated by
the New York Cotton Exchange
Service at about two million bales
of 478 lbs. against 1,351,000 bales
last year and the total consign-
ments to Liverpool this season may
reach 50,000 bales. The acreage this
year will be increased by possibly
as much as 25 per cent.

It is reported that the next
Brazilian crop in the State of Sao
Paulo gives good promise. The
outturn will probably exceed 18,000
tons.
(Continued at foot of next column.)

ANGLO-DANISH BOXING.

HOW OUR ARMY LOST THE TROPHY.

AUDIENCE CONCEDES A DRAW.

The British Army boxing team
had to give up possession of the
Anglo-Danish Cup by losing five
out of eight matches to the Danish
team at Copenhagen, but if the
crowd had had their way, the match
would have been a draw, at four
contests all, as they roundly booed
the referee for what was obviously
a "raw deal" in the case of Pte.
Brennan, the Army middle-weight.
Brennan piled up an unbeatable
lead of points in the first three
rounds, and, although Jensen
fought spiritedly to wipe off the
deficit, he failed, chiefly because of
his lack of timing. This was the
only bout which met with the dis-
approval of the crowd, although
several fights went very close.

The Anglo-Danish Cup is a
trophy presented by the Anglo-
Danish Society. It was won for
the first time by the Imperial
Services team in May 1929, at
Aldershot, but the Sports Club of
Copenhagen regained it in the fol-
lowing year. In 1928 the match
ended in a tie of four matches all,
but the Services team declined to
bring it back to England with
them. When the Danes came to
England in 1929, however, it was
won by the Services by five mat-
ches to three at the Stadium Club,
and the Services, by drawing last
year, retained the trophy. Den-
mark has now won it back.

The cup for the best Englishman
was awarded to Pte Brennan, al-
though he lost his match, and the
cup for the best Dane to Carl F.
Jensen, the Danish light-weight
champion.

Col Casson said the best fights
were those in the light-weight and
middle-weight classes, between Carl
Jensen and Huxham and Knud
Jensen and Brennan.

The hissing by the spectators
at the referee's decision in Bren-
nan's match showed the great
popularity of the Danish public.
"he declared, 'but in my opin-
ion a Danish victory was all right.'

The meeting formed a link in
the chain of previous excellent en-
counters between the British Army
and the Sports Club. We more
than over appreciate and want to
co-operate with the hospitable
Danes."

The Army team, returning home
from Copenhagen, met a Jutland
team at Esbjerg. Although they
suffered two knock-outs the British
team won by six contests to two.

CHINA MARKET FOR U.S.

GREAT INTEREST BY DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE.

Washington, February 1.—The
United States Department of
Agriculture to-day exhibited great
interest in China as a potential
market for American agricultural
products. In his annual survey of
crop prospects for 1931 Mr. Arthur
M. Hyde, the Secretary of Agricul-
ture, dealt extensively with con-
ditions in China.

"General Chinese peace, if ac-
companied by the suppression of
bandit activities and the other law-
lessness which disturbs trade, might
prepare the way for a marked in-
crease of industrial and commer-
cial activity in China," Secretary
Hyde wrote in his 1931 crop fore-
cast. "This would tend to streng-
then the demand for tobacco, cot-
ton and wheat from the United
States."

Increased Demand Likely.
However, Secretary Hyde pointed
out that increased commercial and
industrial activity under peaceful
conditions in China might simulta-
neously result in larger shipments
of soy beans, peanuts, vegetable
oils and eggs from China to the
United States. Secretary Hyde
said that an improved demand in
the United States for Chinese silk
and wool oil would in turn be re-
flected in China by an increased
demand for American agricultural
products.

The survey notes an improve-
ment as a result of the activities
of central national government at
Nanking.

Egyptian Cotton.

The Liverpool market has been
quiet and steady, a little short
covering finding some shortage of
contracts. Quiet conditions also
rule in the Alexandrian market, and
the spot demand there is described
as fair.

In a report based on crop condi-
tions ruling at the end of Novem-
ber, the London Convention esti-
mates a total output of 157,487 bales
(of 400 lbs.) of Sakel cotton, com-
pared with the previous estimate of
176,884 bales and an outturn of
158,738 bales last season. Weather
conditions in the meantime have
been generally favourable.

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longer required. [266]

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HONGKONG & HANGKOK	"KWEIYANG"	On 12th Feb.	Noon
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"KINGYUAN"	On 12th Feb.	Noon
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KINGCHOW"	On 13th Feb.	9 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"CHUSAN"	On 14th Feb.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOOCHOW"	On 15th Feb.	8 a.m.
DANOKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 16th Feb.	10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"TAMING"	On 16th Feb.	Noon
SHANGHAI	"NINGPO"	On 16th Feb.	Noon
SHANGHAI & DALNY	"CHENAN"	On 16th Feb.	5 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 16th Feb.	Daylight
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FEBRUARY 8, 1931.													FEBRUARY 9, 1931.												
STATION	Hour from Standard Time	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	WIND DIRECTION	WIND		WIND VELOCITY (Knots)	Barometer at Sea Level	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	WIND DIRECTION	WIND		WIND VELOCITY (Knots)									
		Inches	Milli.			Direction	Force (Knots)			Inches	Milli.			Direction	Force (Knots)										
Wladivostok ...	12	30.32	770.0	2	...	NNW	2	b	6	30.47	774.0	...	N	2	b	...									
Nemuro	11	29.59	761.5	...	...	W	2	...	5	29.88	759.0	...	WNW	4	...	...							
Hakodate	"	29.84	758.0	...	...	WNW	5	...	"	30.06	763.5	...	...	...	...	...				
Tokio	"	30.08	763.5	...	...	N	3	...	"	30.22	767.5	...	...	...	...	...				
Kochi	"	30.29	769.0	...	...	"	0	...	"	30.34	770.5	...	...	...	...	...				
Nagasaki	"	30.37	771.5	...	...	NNW	1	...	"	30.34	770.5	...	...	...	...	...				
Kagoshima	"	30.28	769.0	...	...	NW	1	...	"	30.26	768.5	...	NW	1	...	...							
Oshima	"	30.28	769.0	...	...	NE	1	...	"	30.18	768.5	...	SSE	1	...	...							
Naha	"	30.24	768.0	...	...	NNE	2	...	"	30.10	764.5	...	E	1	...	...							
Ishigakijima	"	29.16	766.0	...	...	NE	1	...	"	30.04	763.0	...	S	2	...	...							
Bonin Island ...	"	30.08	664.0	...	...	"	"	...	"	30.23	769.9	...	...	...	...	...				
Chesoo	15	30.43	773.6	24	...	SSW	1	b	6	30.35	770.9	22	...	SSE	1	...									
Shanghai	14	30.42	772.6	38	6	E	2	o	"	30.18	768.8	40	6	E	2	...									
Gutzlaff	"	30.48	774.2	36	6	NE	4	o	"	30.26	768.6	40	...	SE	4	...									
Wenchow	"	30.35	771.0	38	8	NNE	6	o	6	30.16	768.0	48	6	NNW	4	...									
Foochow	"	30.19	768.8	42	4	N	2	r	7	30.07	768.8	48	1	W	2	...									
Amoy	"	30.14	765.5	50	6	ENE	2	o	6	30.06	763.5	54	...	NE	3	...									
Swatow	"	30.04	763.0	55	...	NE	3	o	...	30.02	762.5	54	...	...	0	...							
Taihou	11	30.25	768.4	53	...	E	4	o	5	30.08	764.0	59	...	...	0	...							
Taihu	"	30.19	766.7	53	...	N	2	o	...	30.07	763.8	54	...	N	2	...									
Sinann	"	30.13	765.3	74	...	N	4	b	...	30.04	763.0	59	...	...	0	...							
Koshun	"	30.09	764.8	77	...	NE	4	b	...	30.01	762.8	72	...	NNE	4	...									
Pescadores	"	30.12	765.0	77	...	NE	4	b	...	30.05	763.3	68	...	E	4	...									
Hong Kong ...	14	30.08	764.0	66	5	ENE	3	o	6	30.02	762.6	60	5	ENE	5	...									
Gap Rock	"	30.08	764.0	64	0	ENE	5	od	"	30.02	762.5	63	...	NNE	2	...									
Macao	"	30.06	763.4	50	4	NNE	4	o	"	29.98	761.4	52	1	...	...	...						
Hoihow	"	30.01	762.8	72	0	NNE	4	o	6	29.99	761.2	74	6	ENE	2	...									
Pratas Island ..	"	30.05	763.2	59	0	ENE	2	o	7	29.97	761.2	58	1	ENE	4	...									
Phulien	15	29.94	760.6	72	6	NW	4	c	b	29.98	761.0	68	6	NW	4	...									
Tourane	"	29.78	756.8	89	6	ENE	4	b	e	29.91	759.7	79	6	ENE	6	...									
Cape St. James ..	"	29.99	761.6	79	8	ESE	4	o	6	29.97	761.3	74	4	ESE	4	...									
Basco	14	29.95	760.7	77	4	ENE	5	o	...	29.96	761.0	72	6	...	...	...						
Apurri	"	29.89	759.8	91	6	...	0	bo	...	29.95	760.7	76	6	...	...	...						
Tuguegarao	"	29.87	758.6	85	8	W	4	b	...	29.92	760.0	77	8	...	...	...						
Vigan	"	29.90	759.4	91	8	E	2	bo	...	29.95	760.8	72	6	...	...	...						
Manila	"	29.90	759.4	91	8	NE	4	b	...	29.93	760.2	79	6	NE	4	...									
Legaspi	"	29.90	759.4	91	8	N	4	bo	...	29.94	760.4	72	8	N	2	...									
Calbayog	"	29.89	759.3	90	8	E	4	o	"	29.92	760.0	79	6	E	4	...									
Tacloban	"	29.89	759.3	85	8	E	4	o	"	29.91	759.6	77	6	N	4	...									
Iloilo	"	29.98	761.5	85	8	NE	4	b	"	29.90	759.4	77	8	...	...	...						
Cebu	"	29.87	758.6	86	8	E	4	o	"	29.89	759.3	77	6	ENE	4	...									
Surigao	"	29.87	758.6	86	8	E	4	o	"	30.00	762.0	72	...	ENE	4	...									
Saipan	11.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4.22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Guam	12.22	29.95	760.7	...	...	...	6	b	5	29.95	760.6	...	8	NE	4	...						
Yap	11.00	29.89	759.3	...	...	...	6	E	4	29.89	759.3	77	...	NE	3	...						
Pelaw .....	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.81	767.2	90	...	N	4	b	6	29.83	757.7	77	...	8	4	...									

February 9d. 10A. 35m.—The anticyclone has weakened and is now central to the north of Korea. Moderating monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1. 0.37 inch, against an average of 1.59 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON FEBRUARY 10.

District	Forecast.
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1.—Formosa Channel ... N.E. winds, fresh to moderate; generally overcast, some light rain and fog.

2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamocka ...

3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock ...

4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan ...

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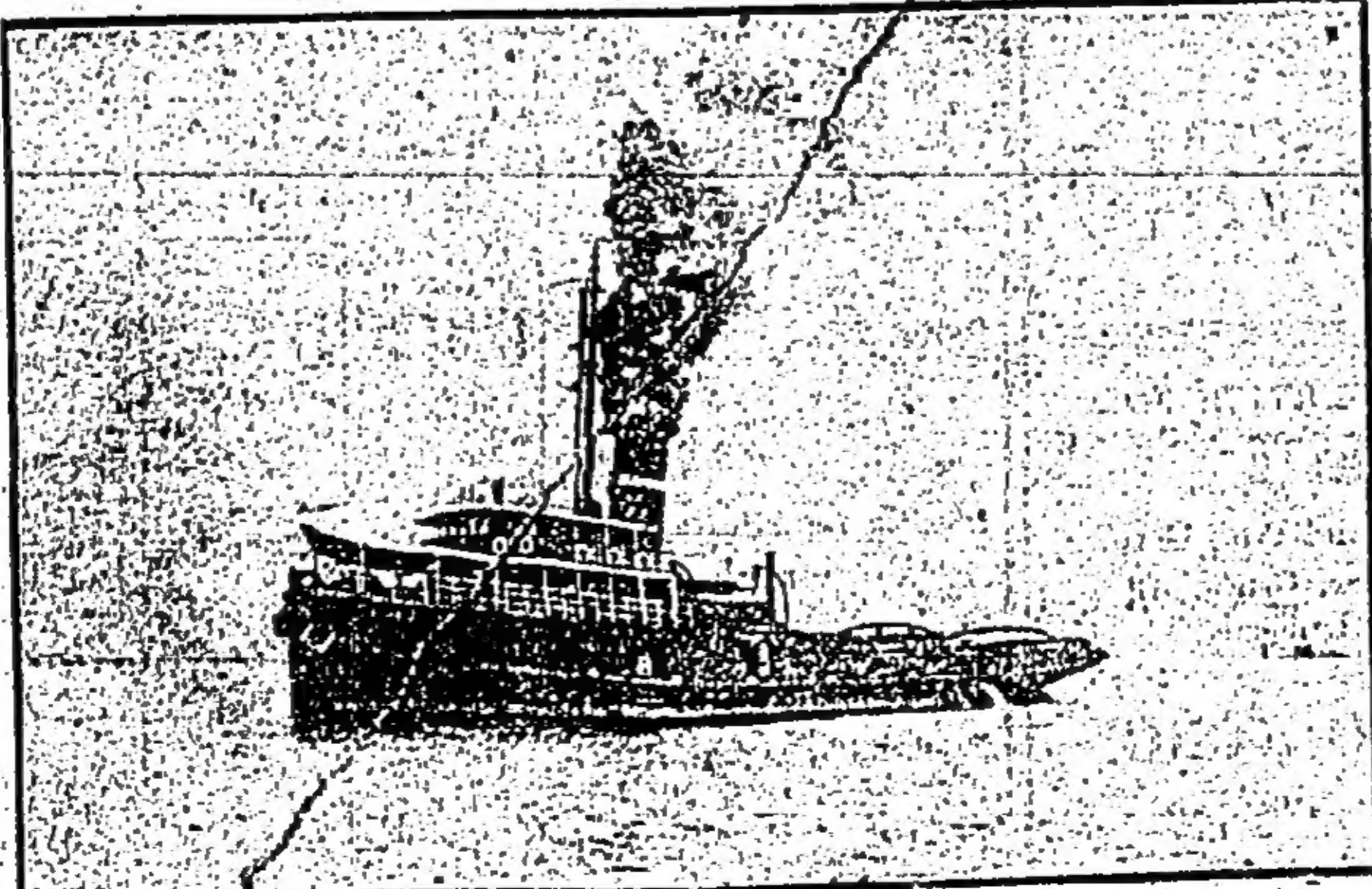
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Empress of Russia	Mar. 18	Mar. 21	Mar. 24	Mar. 26	Mar. 31
Empress of Japan	Apr. 1	Apr. 4	Apr. 7	Apr. 9	Apr. 17
Empress of Asia	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
Empress of Canada	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	Apr. 30	May 2	May 14
Empress of Russia	May 8	May 11	May 14	May 16	May 25
Empress of Japan	May 23	May 26	May 29	May 30	June 10
Empress of Asia	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 13	June 22
Empress of Canada	June 20	June 23	June 25	June 27	July 8
Empress of Russia	July 3	July 6	July 9	July 11	July 20
Empress of Japan	July 18	July 21	July 24	July 25	Aug. 6
Empress of Asia	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 17
Empress of Canada	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 22	Aug. 30

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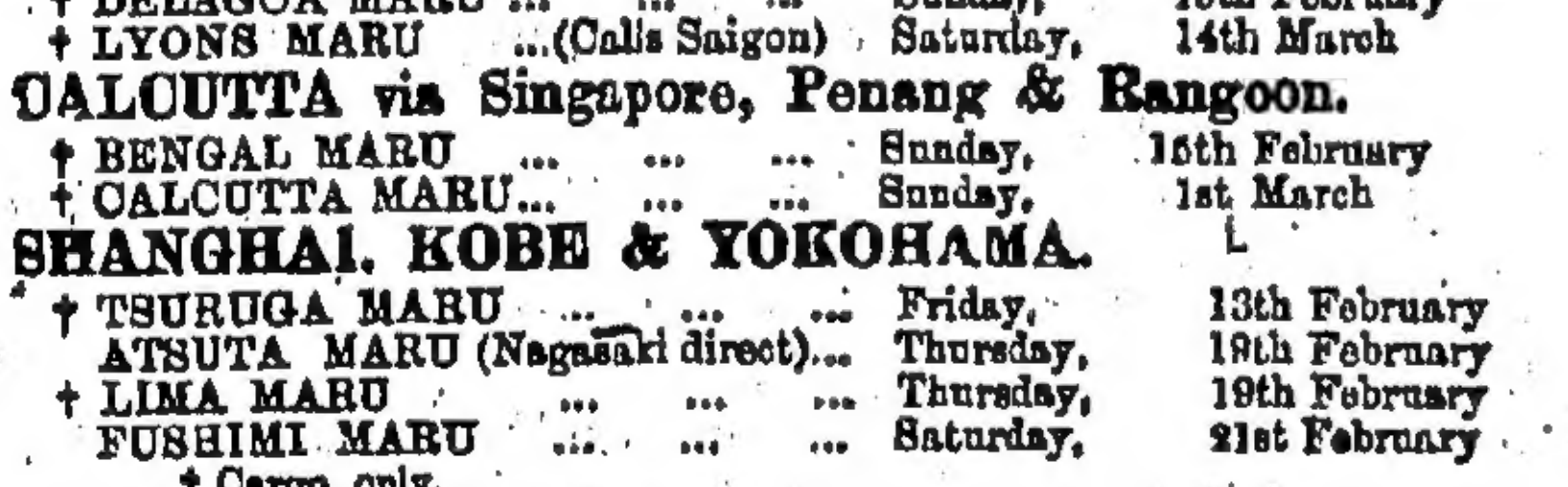
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The returns, shown at the Harbour Office, of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

British	Cargo for Through	H.K.	Ports.
Emp. of Canada, Shanghai	1,450	580	
City of Lille, Shanghai	—	7,000	
Apocoy, Keelung	1,548	2,582	
Sinking, Swatow	300	294	
Taiyuan, Amoy	400	650	
		3,704	11,612

American	Pres. McKinley, Manila	70	1,510
		70	1,510

Dutch	Van Houten, Swatow	—	1,600
	Tjisalak, Amoy	—	4,200
		—	5,800

German	Leverkusen, Manila	1,180	5,732
	Sauerland, Shanghai	—	6,200
		—	1,100
		—	11,032

French	Maurice Long, Saigon	530	—
		530	—

Japanese	Senzan Maru, Dairen	1,000	2,707
	Atlas Maru, Shanghai	233	7,422
	Takasago Maru, Dairen	145	1,200
		1,444	11,329

Chinese	Cheung On, Shanghai	45	—
		45	—
Total		6,998	42,183

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were:—

British	Arr.	Dep.
American	0	0
Dutch	2	0
German	2	0
French	1	0
Japanese	3	2
Chinese	1	4
Norwegian	0	2
Total	10	16

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Emp. of Canada (British)	Vancouver, Shanghai	563
Sinking (British)	Tsingtao, Swatow	151
Taiyuan (British)	Shanghai, Amoy	93
Pres. McKinley (American)	Manila	223
Van Houten (Dutch)	Amoy, Swatow	132
Maurice Long (French)	Saigon	55
Cheung On (Chinese)	Shanghai	20
Total		1,137

ARRIVALS.

February 7.

Carignano, Italian str., 3,230 tons, Capt. Capurro, from Shanghai, buoy No. A4.—Dodwell & Co.

February 8.

Apocoy, British str., 1,770 tons, Capt. C. W. Shearer, from Keelung, buoy No. B27.—Wo Fat Sing.

Leverkusen, German m.s., 4,383 tons, Capt. R. Kohler, from Hamburg, Kowloon Wharf.—Johsen & Co.

G.G. Maurice Long II, French str., 579 tons, Capt. Benoist, from Saigon, buoy No. C1.—M. M.

Sauerland, German str., 4,103 tons, Capt. W. Metzger, from Shanghai, buoy No. A1.—Johsen & Co.

Tai Yuan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. R. Robertson, from Amoy, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.

Takasago Maru, Japanese str., 1,221 tons, Capt. K. Iwakawa, from Dairen, buoy No. C8.—D.K.K.

Tjisalak, Dutch str., 3,613 tons, Capt. C. J. Van den Watering, from Amoy, buoy No. A2.—J.C.J.L.

Wing Wo, Portuguese str., 405 tons, Capt. I. Lemos, from K. C. Wan, Saikong Wharf.—Wo Ho & Co.

February 9.

Atlas Maru, Japanese str., 4,511 tons, Capt. S. Takeya, from Shanghai, buoy No. A5.—O.S.K.

Pres. Jefferson, American str., 14,147 tons, Capt. Alvin O. Lustic, from San Francisco via Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—A.M.L.

Senzan Maru, Japanese str., 1,559 tons, Capt. S. Miyazaki, from Dairen, Yumati Anchorage.—D.K.K.

Teon, British str., 1,351 tons, Capt. J. Pringle, from Canton, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

Van Houten, Dutch str., 2,740 tons, Capt. H. J. G. Blits, from Swatow, buoy No. A15.—J.C.J.L.

Venezia-L, Italian str., 4,677 tons, Capt. G. Rolli, from Saigon, Kowloon Wharf.—Dodwell & Co.

CLEARANCES.

February 9.

Apocoy, for Canton.

Atlas Maru, for Singapore.

Leverkusen, for Swatow.

Sauerland, for Shanghai.

Takasago Maru, for Canton.

Tai Yuan, for Shanghai.

Tjisalak, for Batavia.

Van Houten, for Singapore.

Venezia-L, for Shanghai.

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South Wall—Herald.

West Wall—Cumberland.

In Dock—Ostris, Oswald.

Buoy No. 1—Hermes.

Buoy No. 2—Medway, Odin.

Buoy No. 4—Seraph.

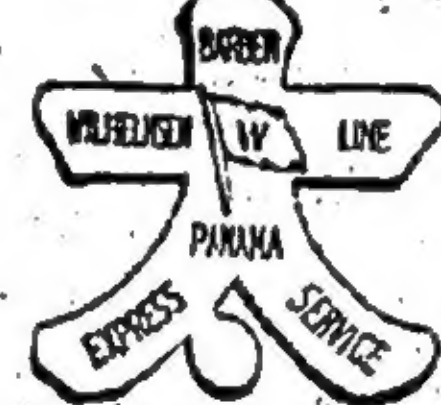
Buoy No. 7—Sandwich.

Buoy No. 8—Seraph.

Buoy No. 12—Bridgewater.

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